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Captivated audience: Sir Denis Thatcher with Sir John Cope (left), deputy party chairman, and Anne and Michael Heseltine listening to Mrs Thatcher's speech yesterday

Thatcher lifts Tory morale

ELECTION 92 REVOLT OF THE DONS



Leading university including scientists. Max Perutz of Cambridge, are backing Labour after giving the Tories low marks for funding of research in a letter to The Times

REAGAN'S WINNING WAY

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Could John Major learn a thing or two from the positive, feelgood image that got Ronald Reagan twice into the White House? Peter Riddell believes he could Page 14

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By Robin Oakley, Political editor

MARGARET Thatcher yesterday lifted the Tory election effort with an enthusiastic public blessing for her successor, as John Major countered accusations of negative campaigning with a speech setting out his vision of a wider ownership Britain.

Labour, confident after extending its opinion poll lead through a first week fought on the Conservative agenda of taxation and the economy, will attempt to keep the initiaits plans for wealth creation and explaining how increased resources will be spent on essential services.

It will seek to turn the national debate to its own strong suits of education, health and transport. The party suffered another blip on the taxation front yesterday when John Smith, the shadow chancellor, had to deny a suggestion by Roy Hattersley,

the deputy leader, that a further increase in the proposed 50p top tax rate had not been

For the Liberal Democrats. Paddy Ashdown expressed satisfaction at his party's steadily improving opinion poll rating and claimed that they were making ground on the "rattled Tories" and on Labour.

Polling evidence shows that the parties have everything to play for. Mori's latest survey for Times Newspapers indicates that there are millions more floating voters in this 1983 or 1987, with a third of the electorate either undecided or considering switching their support.

They include a significant proportion of young people, mortgage-holders and voters in the South, who will now become particular targets for the party machines. At this stage in the 1987 election, 18 per cent of voters said they might still change their

minds: this time around a third as many again — 24 per cent - say they may switch their vote. Altogether this time there are still 33 per cent of floating voters (the undecideds, coupled with those who say they may change their minds), compared with 27 per cent at the

Some 16 per cent of the electorate - about 7 million of the 43.5 million eligible to vote - have already changed their minds about how they will wote in the present contest. That is just I per cent fewer than those who changed their minds through the entire campaign period in

The Conservatives, shaken to find themselves behind in four of the five weekend opinion polls by margins varying from one to five percentage points, and with the bookmakers making Labour favourites to win the largest number of seats for the first time since 1974, see this week as a turning point. They believe that their ceaseless battery of speeches on the threat to middle-class living Smith's shadow budget will now begin to show through in the polls. If they are still behind next weekend, alarm bells will start to ring, but same stage in 1987 and in they concede that the Tory machine is always slow to move into action and that they lost momentum to Labour last week.

To the approval of his colleagues, Mr Major has now adopted a more combative approach and the Tories plan to make much more use from now on of the "heavy hitters" Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke and David Mellor, along with the magisteria

authority of Douglas Hurd. They believe that they succeeded yesterday with the calculated risk of bringing together Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major at their candidates' rally in Westminster. Inevitably, after a week of Tory jitters, the long-planned meeting enabled their opponents to claim that Mrs Thatcher was being brought in as a panic measure. As the with her 13 years of authority, there was always the risk that she would upstage her successor. Although it was Mrs Thatcher's day, Mr Major also pleased his candidates with the most positive and forceful speech he has made yet in the campaign. Norman Tebbit, the former

party chairman, said afterwards: "They've stopped feed Continued on page 18, col 8

Cricket farce sees England to cup final

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND advanced to the the final of cricker's World Cup yesterday after farce and controversy wrecked South Africa's desperate attempt to beat them.

In a chaotic finish as rain fell on the Sydney ground, South Africa's run target was amended from 22 off 13 balls to 21 off one. The crowd of 28,410 reacted angrily. throwing garbage on to the

field and yelling abuse.

The rain led the umpires,
Steve Randell of Australia
and Brian Aldridge of New Zealand, to intervene in the 43rd over, with South Africa chasing England's 252 off 45 overs. The batsmen, Brian McMillan and David Richardson, said they wanted to stay on, and the umpires then approached Graham Gooch.

The England captain led his side off, play was held up for 12 minutes and, under the rules governing such delays, that meant the South Africans lost two overs while the target remained was reduced by only one run. They fin-

ished at 232 for 6.
Alan Jordaan, the South
African manager, said he was
initially told that the revised target would be 22 off seven balls. "Then they came back and said, 'It's wrong, we've miscalculated, there's one

There was a two-minute delay when the players returned as Gooch spoke to the umpires. He said: "I assumed that there were seven balls to be bowled and the umpires told me there was one. I suggested to them that it might be a good idea to an-nounce it to the crowd."

Gooch defended his decision to take the team off when it rained, saying: "I'd be lying if I said I didn't think that maybe we should stay on, but then again it was pouring rain. The ball would have been soaking wet and that would have reduced our

Kepler Wessels, the South African captain, said he would have made the same decision, but he suggested the umpires had been wrong to offer the rain delay to Eng-land. "When we bowled, it rained a similar amount at one stage and we stayed on, Wessels said. "But I definitely would have come off if I'd been in his position. I would have done exactly the same."

Gooch admitted it was not the best way to advance to the final against Pakistan in Melbourne. "It was a disappointing conclusion to a great game of cricket. We would have liked to win fair and square and we're very disappointed for the South Africans," he said.

The Australian Cricket Board general manager, Graham Halbish, defended the umpires' calculations and said the events transpired under rules well known to both sides. "The cup organis-ing committee accepts the decisions of the umpires

unequivocally," he said.

A reserve day had been set aside for the semi-final should it be rained out, but Halbish said that once both teams had batted 25 overs. the game had to be decided in the one day.

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Poll blow for Cresson

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

34 per cent, while two ecolo-FRANCE'S ruling Socialist party won barely 19 per cent of the votes polled in nationwide regional elections yesterforecasts. It was the party's worst result since the 1960s.

The projections, based on exit polls, forecast that the far-right National Front, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, would win 14 or 15 per cent, its highest score in a national election. The mainstream conservative opposition alli-ance was credited with 33 to

gist parties shared about 14 per cent of the vote and the Communist party won about Three polling institutes which carried out the exit polls said 67 per cent of France's 37.5 million voters cast ballots. If confirmed, the result would be a severe set-back for President Mitter-

Voters defy pundits, page 12

rand and Edith Cresson, his

unpopular prime minister.

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Fraudsters clone Visa cards

A WORLDWIDE credit card fraud which involves embossing personal account details onto a "cloned" card is causing alarm among banks and card holders. The only difference between the real cards and bogus ones is that the thieves are using the names of non-existent banks to beat the real banks' security checks.

Thousands of people have been confronted in the last three months with bills for items they have not bought as a result of the fraud. Banks fear the racket will prove difficult to stop and add substantially to the £165 million lost in card frauds by British banks and building societies last year and the billions lost worldwide.

They believe that organised crime is behind the "cloning", with profits being channelled into drugs and pornography. Ian Lindsey, direct-or of the Save and Prosper Group, which issues its own Visa cards, said: "The number of cases we have encounAn international fake credit card racket is alarming banks and customers, reports
Tony Dawe

tered in the past month suggests this is the start of something big." British card holders had been charged for purchases they did not make in continental Europe and the Far East but the fraud was also common in America.

The crooks are printing large batches of cards carrying the names of bogus banks. They then emboss details of personal accounts — obtained from discarded counterfoils at busy shops or from dishonest retailers and the cards are ready for use. "It is not that difficult or expensive to do," Mr Lindsey

The cards are recognised as fakes if they are swiped through modern terminals that are replacing the older

mechanical machines but the racketeers have found a way of tampering with such terminals so that the details on a card's magnetic stripe can be copied onto a magnetic tape and then encoded onto fake cards. There have even been attempts to recreate the hologram security mark on many cards.

Colin Chapman, a television executive from Thaxted, Essex, was one victim of the fraud. He made a single purchase in the dutyfree shop at Honolulu airport on his way to New Zealand and later found that bills to-talling £350 from bars and an hotel in Hawaii had been added to his Visa account.

"I had been told of the racket by businessmen in New Zealand so immediately reported what had happened to Visa," Mr Chapman said. I got the impression that the fraud is so common that the Continued on page 18, cel 1

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Tatars defy Yeltsin and vote for independence

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VOTERS in Tatarstan defied But in the republic overall, appeals from President 61.4 per cent supported "the Yeltsin at the weekend and voted for independence from Russia. The move is seen as a blow to Mr Yeltsin's attempts to preserve the unity of the Russian Federation.

The Tatar leader, Mintimer Shaimiyev, sought to reassure Moscow by saying he would strengthen ties with Russia. But Tatar nationalists saw the result as a sign that independence was guaranteed, and hailed a "break with Russian colonialism". They said Kazan would now seek a treaty with Russia giving Tatarstan control of the local economy, including important oil deposits and industrial sectors, as well as the rightto levy taxes.

Opposition to independence came in the form of a majority "No" vote in some of the bigger cities, populated by Russians as well as Tatars.

creation of a sovereign state ... able to deal on equal terms with Russia and other states". There was an 81.7 per cent turnout in the referendum. which was supervised by international monitors.

One nationalist leader, Murat Mulykov, said President Shaimiyev would have to resign if he failed to implement self-rule. "Everybody talks about seceding from the Russian federation," Mr Mulykov said. "We never entered it. We are a captive people."

Mr Yeltsin's office yesterday announced that the signing of a federal treaty setting out the relationship between the regions and republics of the Russian Federation, had been postponed from March 25 to March 31.

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Why Does Your

Memory

A WORLD-FAMOUS memory expert, who has trained industrialists, trades unionists, businessmen, professional men, salesmen, housewives and students to improve their memories, once said: "Many people are embar-

rassed by a poor memory, and find difficulty in concentrating, whilst others realise that they lose business, academic and social opportunities not only because they cannot remember accurately everything they see, hear or read, but also because they cannot think or express their thoughts clearly, logically and concisely. Some seek advice, but many do not, mainly because they believe their memories cannot be improved".

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Bacon is bad for the heart but good for the soul

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

A HIGH fat diet may increase the risk of heart disease — but now it seems a low fat diet could lead to

something even worse. Scientists have been puzzling over why people who substitute muesli for bacon and eggs in the morning are likely to be unhappier since a study 18 months ago showed that men who switched to a low fat diet suffered more deaths from suicide and

The study, a review of six trials in violence. America involving 25,000 men. showed that those who lowered their cholesterol levels by changing their diets suffered fewer deaths from heart attacks. But this was cancelled out by an increase in deaths from suicide, murder and accidents. Earlier studies showing lower cholesterol levels among criminals, people with violent or aggressive disorders and those who have attempted suicide, have equally mystified scientists.

But now, Dr Hyman Engelberg of the California Arteriosclerosis Research Foundation, has suggested that foregoing the Sunday joint to reduce the level of cholesterol may lower the capacity of the brain cells to absorb serotonin, a brain chemical that affects mood and has a key role in controlling harmful impulses.

Writing in The Lancet, Dr Engelberg cites evidence which shows that when levels of cholesterol in the membranes of brain cells are low, the serotonin receptors are less exposed, leading to a lower uptake of the and microviscosity with expression of chemical from the blood. In suscepti-serotonin receptors on the mem-

ble individuals this could lead to impulsive acts of violence such as suicide. But there may also be less serious effects which are more widespread. "Interventions to reduce cholester-

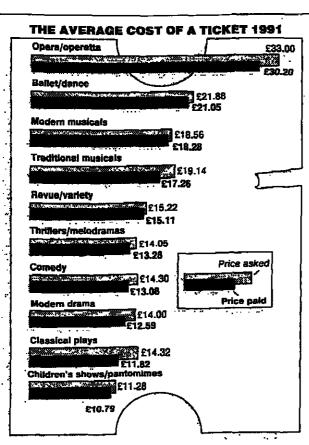
ol concentrations on a large scale could lead to a population shift to a more violent pattern of behaviour, which would result not in death but in more aggression at work and at home, more abuse of children and partners, and generally more unhappiness," he writes. In view of widespread recommen-

dation to reduce blood cholesterol, Dr Engelberg believes that scientists need to know more about the relation of brain-cell-membrane cholesterol brane surface in man.

The action of serotonin on the brain is still little understood despite an enormous research effort by the pharmaceutical companies. One of the strangest findings is that seroto-nin levels in people who attempt suicide are low but in those who actually commit suicide they are high. Suicide rates among men, the chief target of healthy eating campaigns because they have a higher rate of heart disease than women. have risen sharply in recent years.

This might be because cholesterol and hence serotonin, levels are failing. On the other hand, of course, tough restrictions on consumption of favourite foods such as burgers, chips and ice cream could be driving them

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Theatre tills jingling to the sound of music

theatre tickets went up by 11 per cent last year - twice the rate of inflation — to an average of £17.45.

Figures for 1991 collated by the Society of West End Theatre are still being analysed, but the increasing popularity of musicals app-ears to be forcing prices up-There are more musicals in the 50 theatres than ever before, biting into the scope for drama and comedy. The success of Lloyd

Webber and Mackintosh extravaganzas, with lavish hype and even more lavish sets and technology, has raised public expectations for all shows — and the costs. Cameron Mackintosh spent £3.5 million to stage Miss Saigon, and £1.2 million on his latest musical, Moby Dick. But even the smallest straight play will cost at least £120,000. To break even. any show must have 60 per

this in the GCSE courses that

are currently operating, that

right is going to be whittled

away if timetable pressure is

Richard Knott, assistant

chief executive of the Nat-

ional Curriculum Council.

said that literature was not

being marginalised. "Litera-

ture is a central part of Eng-

lish and it is in the national

curriculum, as it should be.

Increased flexibility at Key

Stage 4 gives space for subjects like English literature."

ing English literature GCSE

rose by almost 4.8 per cent

last year while entries in

maths fell by 5.9 per cent. But Dudley Newell, English ad-

viser in Manchester, said that

the new realities of time-

tabling would mean that few

The number of pupils tak-

Musicals are beginning to dominate the West End stage, limiting opportunity for comedy and drama and pushing up ticket prices, Simon Tait reports

cent audiences over a run of about 20 weeks, and last year the average capacity in the West End was 66 per

Howard Panter, producer of Carmen Jones, one of the year's successes, said: "There is enormous popular appeal for musicals and a producer has to get a return for his investors." His was the first non-opera to demand a top price of £30 when it opened at the Old Vic last spring, and it is booked to June. He said: "We have to demand this sort of price to get our money back and to encourage people to risk their

West End attendances last year were down on 1991.

but only from 11.3 million to 10.9 million. This represents a remarkable recovery in a year which started disastrously. In one week in February, attendances were

down by 27 per cent. There was no discernible resistance to price rises. The influences were the Gulf war, which kept American tourists away, the February blizzards and rising unemployment and recession.

Producers put prices up as damage limitation, and then were hit by the new VAT rates. They kept them back from the public for six weeks or so, but in mid-May prices rose and there was an immediate 11 per cent dip in attendances. In the last three

months of the year the losses were almost clawed back, and those good houses appear to have carried into this year. And 1990, after ali, was an all-time record

Of the shows on offer this week, there is one dance, one revue, two operas, two thrillers, six comedies, six straight plays and 21 musicals. For the first time last year, more than half the West End's shows, 51 per cent, were musicals. More than five million people saw them, 20 -per cent more than in 1990. Returns from modern

drama have fallen consistently over the past three years from £24 million in 1989 to £16 million in 1990 and £13 million last year. Likewise, comedy returns were £17 million in 1989. £15 million in 1990 and just under E10 million last year. The reason is not necessarily that the public has gone off new plays or comedy, but that producers are not taking them on or they are not being written.

Last year the producer Bill Kenwright experimented vith ticket prices of £5 and £10 for Ibsen's Brand, and it was disastrous. He tried it again for the eight weeks of Good Rockin' Tonight at The Strand Theatre, which ended its run there last week with 100 per cent houses and no profit. He said: "I did a survey among the audience and found that 97 per cent of people were not aware of the ticket prices. Ticket agencies and party bookers were not interested in low prices because there was no

margin for them." Pirate agencies, marking up prices for bad seats, have been a West End bane. But the government is planning to cut them out by insisting on face value being shown and the seat's position.

Then there is the rent of the theatre, which independent producers such as Thelma Holt believe is too high. Owners also charge producers "contras", the costs of running the house, which can include such expenses as £70 a week for fover flowers. But owners can be supportive, too. When Return to the Forbidden Planet opened at the Cambridge in 1989. Roger Filer, chief executive of Stoll Moss Theatre, gave the producer, Andre Ptaszynski several weeks' rent grace to give the show a chance to take off.

Producers are constantly searching for new audiences, or new permutations of the available audience, by experimenting with show times. The most promising seems to be Sunday opening, which the Society of West End Theatre hopes to get the unions to make new agree-

Literature studies 'being edged out'

ENGLISH literature is being edged out of the classroom and teenagers' reading experience limited by timetable pressures caused by the national curriculum, according to a report by classroom

The demands of the curriculum were already reducing the time available to teach literature to pupils in "Key Stages" 3 and 4, in the 11 to 16 age group, said the survey, which was based on information supplied by 12 local education authorities. Many teachers complained that English literature was too often being treated as an option and the time allotted to English generally had dwindled.

All children are required by the national curriculum to sit mathematics, English and science at GCSE, and from 1994 will also have to study technology, a foreign lan-guage and history or geogra-phy. Critics have said that

What became of the flu epidemic? At risk of of-

fending anyone who has suf-

fered the aches of flu this

winter, doctors now declare that the oft-predicted epi-

The A-Beijing virus, which the World Health Organis-

ation said might cut a swathe

through Europe, established only a foothold in Britain. At

the height of the outbreak, in

the week ending January 5,

there were 24 sufferers per 100,000 people, less than a quarter of the level defined

as epidemic. Yet, the United

States, France and Norway

had A-Beijing epidemics, ac-

cording to the Influenza Monitoring and Information

Bureau How did we escape?

"Predicting flu epidemics is always crystal-ball gazing." John Oxford, a virologist at the London Hospital Medi-cal College, said. "The virus

is very unpredictable, so it's

easy to come a cropper. There had been a big out-break in the US. and, when

we began to get cases here, it

was fair enough to err on the

side of caution and say that we might have an epidemic.

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the flu shivers

The doctors' warning bark has proved

worse than the bite of the A-Beijing virus.

Nigel Hawkes finds out why

jects will greatly restrict flexi-bility in the standard 40period weekly timetable.

The new GCSE/Key Stage 4 syllabus, due in draft form this spring, will require Eng-lish candidates to have some knowledge of Shakespeare and pre-20th century literature. To read more widely, they will have to take English literature as a separate optional subject.

The National Association of Advisers in English, the professional group of English advisers working in local authorities which compiled the report, fears that the literary horizons of teenagers will be narrowed and is concerned that fewer will read books from other cultures or those written before 1900. Richard Andersen, the association's secretary, said: "Every child has a right to have access to English literature and, while

vaccine manufacturers. was

among those warning of an epidemic. Richard Kenyon,

of the bureau, is unrepen-

tant, saying "Why did it not take hold? It's impossible to

say. Certainly we can't claim that the vaccine was respons-

ible for preventing the epi-demic, because too few

people had it. We believe

that about 4.5 million people

were vaccinated, most of them in the high-risk groups of the old and chronic sick.

and that's too few to have any real effect. In any case,

the object of the jabs is to

save lives among vulnerable

groups, not stop epidemics."
Professor Oxford suggests

resistance from past expos-

ure to A-Beijing, the virus's unpredictability, and socio-logical considerations, such

as the degree to which people

Britain had quite a selection of flu-like

to John Skehel, of the Nat-

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Research, but no signs of epi-

demic, in the form of excess

impact it's going to have." Dr Skehel said.

'You can't predict when flu is going to come, what virus it's going to be, and what

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congregate, as factors.

er pupils left school with a basic literary grounding. "If you want to extend and deepen kids' understanding of literature you have to do it as a separate subject," he said. "Everyone will study some literature from now on but there will be less of a Britain shakes off foundation for A-level.'

The survey is likely to increase concern that the English literary tradition is in jeopardy and that many children will leave school without having read such standard authors as Dicker Austen and George Eliot However, Patrick Parrinder, chairman of the Council for University English, said it was more important that pupils acquired a general

knowledge of books. ☐ Pupil-teacher ratios in primary and secondary schools were worse last year than in 1990. Pupil numbers in-creased by 46,100 while the number of teachers fell by 3.600, according to annual returns made to the educa-

tion department. Pupils per teacher in pri-mary schools last year was 22.2 compared with 22.0 in 1990. In secondary schools, the figure rose from 15.25 to 15.55. Stephen Byers, of the Council of Education Authorities, said local authorities were worried about what would happen this year.

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Clown prints: Mr Jam catching up with his reading during a break from the European Clowns Convention at Bognor Regis, West Sussex, yesterday, which included workshops on circus skills

Cities wake up to Hollywood option

TOWNS and cities that have failed to attract a Japanese car plant or a microchip factory are being urged to turn to Hollywood as a source of economic development.

The British Film Commission, the government-funded body set up to attract film-makers to Britain, is urging local authorities to establish special offices to help produc-ers and directors to find locations in their areas.

Unlike most other sources of investment, the film industry is likely to regard urban dereliction as a positive asset and rows of tumbledown houses are more likely to woo the film moguls than steel and glass offices.

Liverpool, which was the first city to set up its own film

Birmingham Blackburn Bradford Bristol

office, claims to have brought in £4.5 million in the last three years by attracting filmmakers to the city. Paul Mingard, who runs the office, said that film companies not only bought goods and services in the area but also provided employment for

technicians and film extras. Birmingham and Lothian regional council, Edinburgh, has also established film of-fices and other local authorities are being urged to follow.

Since the Lumiere brothers first brought their moving film camera to Liverpool in 1896, to make a film called Liverpool Scenes, the film industry seems to have been unable to leave the city alone. Up to the end of last year 44 feature films and 60 tele-

35,000

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35,000

vision productions have been set there, ranging from Letter to Brezhriev, a film about a Liverpool girl who falls in love with a Russian seaman, to The Hunt for Red October, in which the city centre was transformed into Moscow.

Alan Bleasdale's GBH, the television political thriller which many regarded as a parable about the influence of the hard left in Liverpool, was partly filmed in the city. As scenes were being shot in bedrooms at the Adelphi Hotel. Dr Mingard and local government minister Michael Portillo were addressing a seminar in the same hotel about the benefits of film

Turning a city into a film lot can have its hazards, how-

ever, as Dr Mingard discovered in January last year when part of Stanley Street in Bootle was blown up as part of a blitz scene for a film about the life of Derek Bentley, who was hanged for his part in the murder of a policeman in 1952. The explosions were set off on the day before the Gulf War broke out, prompting one passer-by to assume that Saddam Hussein had launched a preemptive strike on Mersevside. In the resulting confusion, police, the fire brigade and army bomb disposal officers were called out.

Sidney Samuelson, the British film commissioner, said that he hoped to estab-lish a network of similar

Attaché rejects **Falklands** allegations

A former British defence attache in Argentina has hit back after new allegations that the British embassy in Buenos Aires failed to warn London of an imminent invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982 (Michael Evans writes).

Colonel Stephen Love, defence attaché in Buenos Aires from 1979 to 1982, told The Times that it was "totally unjustified" to blame the embassy and its ambassador, the late Sir Anthony Williams.

The 60-year-old colonel spoke out after the screening of a television documentary marking the 10th anniversary of the Argentine invasion on April 2, 1982.

Col Love wrote a report detailing his fears of an Argentine invasion on March 2, 1982. But he said the head of the intelligence staff at the defence ministry did not receive a copy until more than a month after the invasion.

Falklands facts L&T section, page 4

Jews campaign Liberal Jews today launch a

campaign to correct public ignorance about the movement's practices and beliefs. Liberal Judaism, which celebrates its 90th anniversary in Britain this year, has suffe almost a century of ignorance and lack of recognition by mainstream Jewry and non-Jews, campaign leaders say. Rabbi Helen Freeman, of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood, northwest London, estimated that 10,000 UK Jews are from the

Punch 'for sale'

Liberal tradition.

The future of Punch, the 150 year old humorous magazine, is in doubt after reports that it will close unless a buyer is found. David Thomas, its editor, said he did not know if the reports were true. The magazine's circulation has fallen from 175,000 in the 1940s~to 33,000 last year and it is reported to lose £1.5 million a year. United Newspapers, the owners, is said to be negotiating with an Anglo-American publishing house interested in buying the title.

Hurd support

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has backed a plan to safeguard the future of dilapidated Heveningham Hall in Suffolk. He has written to a local protest group expressing support for its scheme to transfer ownership of the Georgian mansion from the United Bank of Kuwait to the National Trust. Mr Hurd is the first senior government member to lend his weight to the proposal.

Lead-free hope Sales of unleaded petrol are expected to account for half of

petrol sales in Britain later this year. From virtually nothing in 1988, lead-free had risen to 43 per cent of sales by last November, according to the environment department's annual digest of statistics. Passing the halfway mark this year may partly department sources said.

Heritage gives church £5m

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

GRANTS worth £5.4 million are to be given by English Heritage for the repair and conservation of cathedrals. The funding, to be given over the next three years, will be announced Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. English Heritage chairman, today. The government allocated

£11.5 million to English Heritage for cathedral repairs in April 1991. The first phase, £2 million in grants, was offered last October. Of the funding to be announced today, £4 million forms the second phase for cathedral repairs and the remaining £1.4 million is promised to some cathedrals for projects up to 1995. The largest beneficiaries

and Ely, given £690,000 over two years. The largest individual grant for this year is £500.000. to Liverpool Roman Catholic cathedral. Lord Montagu said: "I am delighted that we are also able to make commitments for future years, thus providing continuity and enabling cathedral authorities to put

longer-term work in hand with some confidence."

40,000 Northampton RC Peterborough Portsmouth RC Rochester 330,000 Southwell Wakefield 60,000 16,000 10,000 162,000 150,000 185,000 13,000 are Salisbury, which receives £870.000 over three years. Westminster RC 35,000 140,000 4,000 3,914,750 1,222,000 Source: English Heritage

CATHEBRAL GRANTS

work costing £16 million, not all eligible for support from English Heritage. Of 39 applications, 33 were successful and three are still being con-

Grants were made for archiving projects at 14 cathe-

drals. The 1991 Cathedrals Survey Fabric Commission showed that few had an upto-date set of architectural drawings readily available. Other carhedrals will receive grants for fire protection and

Corner shop finds the going tougher

By Louise Hidalgo SMALL high street stores

squeezed more than ever, with a greater share of money finding its way into the tills of the big ten, headed by Sainsbury and Tesco, a report published today says. The top ten retailers accounted for more than a third of all the money spent on retail goods last year, up two per cent on the previous year and five per cent compared with five years ago. Britain's estimated 240,000 small independent retailers were left to struggle to win some of the

and the corner shop are being

30 per cent of sales which were not concentrated in the hands of the 500 largest stores and chains. A concentration of money spent in shops in the hands of the few has been a feature of British retailing in recent years. Last year there was the sharpest rise in their share of sales since the mid-Eighties. according to Corporate Intel-

came from stores outside the top 500. . Sainsbury kept its position

igence, the retail research

company which produced the

report. Almost all the increase

lowed by Tesco, with sales of £6.3 billion, and by Marks & Spencer, which sold just under £5 billion worth of goods. Nineteen retail companies have sales of more than £1 billion a year, according to the report, the annual Retail Rankings. Taken together they accounted for more than £50 billion in sales last year, which was 44 per cent of all the money spent by UK consumers in the shops. The report also shows profits hit by recession. Three

report says, with sales of almost £7 billion in the United

Kingdom last year. It is fol-

years ago 50 retailers with sales of over £3 million still made a loss. By last year the number had risen to 140.

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Camper van searched at Dover

Customs seize £7.5m heroin after stopping couple and children

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THREE young boys returned to Belgium last night after a couple were caught allegedly attempting to smuggle heroin with a street value of £7.5 million into Britain.

Customs officers seized the 65 kilos of heroin when they searched a camper van after the couple and the children had arrived at Dover on a ferry from the Belgian port of Ostend. After discovering the haul, Customs and Excise detained the Belgian couple. who had been driving the van, and took charge of the children aged six, ten and 12: The boys, children of the

passed to Kent social services department, which looked after them until their father collected them yesterday and took them back to Belgium.

The drugs, the largest hand this year, were discovered by one of the customs Flexible Anti-Smuggling Teams (Fast), which move between ports of entry.

The couple, both aged 35, were arrested and charged on Saturday in connection with the discovery. They will appear before Dover magis-

second big find of heroin in three weeks, and brings to

trates today. The Dover seizure was the

DRUG traffickers are using British Rail's Red Star parcel service network and other discovers that parcel and courier services to transport drugs, according to police and Customs investigathrough quick tors. The parcel systems are also used for sending money parcel networks

Drug dealers use

Red Star service

to drug distributors or money launderers, it is thought. The dangers presented by the parcel networks is highlighted in the latest edition of a special magazine on drug world trends and developments produced by Britain's national drugs intelligence unit. The magazine is circulated to drugs squads in Britain, Customs posts and drug investigators abroad.

Investigators believe the parcel networks have been used for transporting cocaine, amphetamines and cannabis in small but profitable consignments. There is speculation that some businessmen may be prepared to allow their regular shipments

to be used as a cover. British Transport Police have found four drug con-signments in the Red Star network in the past year. worth £2,000 to £3,000 each

have also been seized. For the highly competitive work offers quick deliveries which can be picked up without attracting attention. They may also be used for

Stewart Tendler heroin and cocaine are being delivered

international consignments. Risks are few because little proof of identity is needed. Red Star requires a description of the goods being carried and it and other parcel firms search cargo. But with thousands of items being transported within Britain each day, checks are difficult to make because of time pressures. Red Star deals with 25,000 items per day from

more than 300 stations. The company said: "We are aware we have been used by drug traffickers, but we cannot check every parcel." Police have used sniffer dogs to check parcels and efforts are also being made to build up intelligence on how to detect consignments. Detective Chief Superintendent Anthony White, assistant co-ordinator of the national drug unit, said the amount of

drugs passed through commercial parcel networks was thought to be small. But he the British Transport Police and Customs are constantly seeking detection."

105 kilos the total seized by customs officers in that period. Forty kilos of that was seized at Harwich last month. when customs officers searched an empty coach ar-riving from The Netherlands to take some Dutch visitors home. A total of 115 kilos of heroin has been discovered this year. Last year, 358 killos

was found. Customs officials believe that a large proportion of the heroin that they have seized this year comes from an area of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan that is known as the Golden Crescent. They believe that it is smuggled to Turkey, where it is often refined before being smuggled through the Balkans and across Europe to the Channel

suspicion among customs officers that countries such as Belgium and The Netherlands are already becoming warehouses for drugs aimed at the British market. They will also fuel fears among customs officers at the in-creased potential for drugs trafficking once barriers to trade within EC countries come down next January. Just over 60 per cent of seigled in from EC countries last

It is unusual, though not unknown, for drug smugglers to be accompanied by children. This is part of attempts to convince customs officers that they are ordinary travellers, but the number of children who have to be looked after by social services following the arrest of adults for drug smuggling is not large. A much bigger difficulty facing social services departments at ports is that of unac-

companied children who arrive seeking asylum. In West Susser, 12 child-ren are being looked after by social services after arriving at Gatwick airport seeking asylum. The London borough of Hillingdon is looking after 35 children aged between nine and 17, including 25 from Eritrea, four from Uganda, three Ethiopians and three Angolans. Fifteen munity home opened to house them, eight are in other residential homes and the





Lean look for lean times: two designs by Valentino on the catwalk in Paris yesterday, a black velvet evening dress with zodiac embroideries and a checked tweed jacket with gold stitching, looped short skirt and feathered sheepskin hat. The mood at the shows, which opened nervously last week after a bleak retailing season, has improved after a weekend of stunning collections from some of the top names (Liz Smith writes). Fashion has a new silhouette, narrower on the shoulders, leaner and long. Some of the big designers have defined it and it has little to do with

Claude Montana showed sharply cut ankle-length navy coats skimmed over narrow jackets and slim trousers or long skinny cashmere sweater dresses. His other shape was equally lean but finished with a short circle skirt in heavy wool that swung out to the knee. Valentino's narrow fitting line was spelt out in Robin Hood tunic jackets belted over a tiny leather skirt that finished in a series of loops which reappeared on jackets, tunics and

short skirts. Leopard print tights and shoes were worn with everything, jungly spots and tiger stripes were stamped on everyfon evening dresses in his typically pretty finale. The zodiac signs were the theme for his embroideries. Christian Lacroix, inspired by traditional English tweeds, applied his familiar encrustations of embroidery to checked trouser suits.

Trousers were worn cuffed and short, making it hard to distinguish some of them from his mid-calf culottes and long skirts. But here was proof that hemlines are irrelevant. His short skirts did not look demode, especially when worn with lace tights. Life & Times section, page 5

Widow, 91, battered at home by thief

By PETER VICTOR

AN ELDERLY widow is recovering in hospital after an intruder battered and robbed her and left her bleeding from her injuries.

Hilda May Jones, aged 91. suffered a broken arm and fractured cheek and jaw when the man attacked her in the bathroom of her home near Swindon, Wiltshire, on Saturday afternoon. A week ago her purse was stolen after a man claiming to be a gas official called at her home.

In the latest incident, Mrs Jones was punched in the face when she answered a knock on the back door. Her attacker dragged her into a downstairs bathroom where he repeatedly punched her. He searched the house — a tied cottage as Mrs Jones's husband was a former gamekeeper - and fled with £60.

Mrs Jones was found almost three hours later by her daughter, who also lives at the house. Her condition is said to be comfortable.

Police said that on Saturday morning a stocky, smartly dressed man in his 50s, 5ft 4in with glasses, called at a neighbouring house and asked where Mrs Jones lived. The man's clothing would have been heavily blood-stained, police said. "Doctors want to operate on her but she is too poorly. She is just a frail, defenceless 91-year-old. It is appalling and we are already getting lots of calls offering help from people who have been shocked by news of this."

An incident room at Swindon police station has been police issued an appeal to the criminal fraternity. Criminals could leave information

anonymously, police said. 'We won't ask too many questions about how they know or who they are. All we want is a name to get this person," a detective said.
"The officers are used to
dealing with brutal attacks
but this has sickened them

and we want to nail this guy. "Being a gamekeeper's wife and living the country life means she's a fairly tough old lady but she took a terrible battering. We're just praying she pulls through or we could have a murder hunt on our

Yorks take a family outing

THE Duke and Duchess of York, accompanied by their two children, went out together as a family yesterday in spite of continuing legal discussions about their proposed

They called at Windsor Castle to pick up birthday presents for Princess Eugenie. the couple's youngest daughter who celebrates her second birthday today, including some from the Queen and the Princess of Wales, who called at the Castle earlier. When the Duke and Duchess returned with the children shortly after six o'clock their car was full of boxes. A rumoured birthday party at Sunninghill Park yesterday failed to materialise.

Meanwhile the saga of the Duke and Duchess of York's failed marriage continued to elbow aside election coverage in some sections of the press over the weekend. The News of the World reported that, in spite of their planned separa-tion, the couple had fulfilled a long-standing engagement BY ALAN HAMILTON

on Saturday night by attend-ing a party given by Elton John, the singer and a prominent member of the so-called

An opinion poll conducted by Gailup for The Sunday Telegraph claimed to show six times as much public sympathy for the duchess as for the duke, with by far the largest degree of sympathy going to the Queen. More than half of those questioned thought that members of the Royal Family should set an example by their behaviour. and that the Yorks' marriage breakdown would harm the monarchy. More than three quarters wished to see the monarchy survive.

Hitherto unpublished extracts from an interview the duchess gave to Tatler magazine last year were repro-duced in The Sunday Times. Defending her frequent skiing holidays, the duchess spoke of her need to escape the strictures of royal life.

'I just wanted to get away. To get away from the system

and people saying no you can't, no you can't, no you can't, no you can't. That's what the system is. The way I get away is by going to the mountains. If I lived in Europe no one would be the wiser. I could go skiing for the weekend and no one would bat an eyelid." The duchess complained that she

was never allowed privacy. Andrew Morton, one of the journalists who broke the story in the Daily Mail, yesterday denied reports circulating last week that the duchess had employed a public relations adviser to feed her side of the story to the press, or that she herself had been the source of the leak.

A gradually assembling jigsaw had been completed when normal journalistic enquiry established that lawyers had spent much of last weekend at the couple's home at Sunninghill Park working out the details of a separation. • Earl Spencer, father of the Princess of Wales, was admitted to hospital for tests, suffering from "mild pneumonia".

Japanese seal County Hall sale

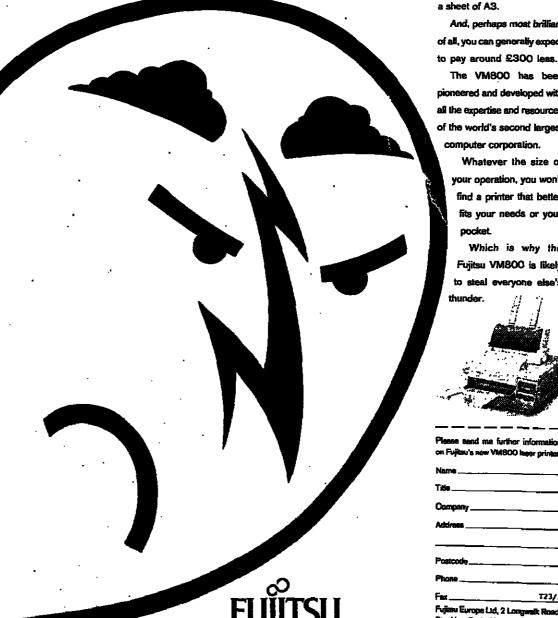
THE long-running saga of London's County Hall ends today with its sale to a Japanese property company. Shirayama Corporation plans to convert the neo-classical building on the south bank of the Thames into a hotel, conference centre and

flats. The £200 million deal follows the failure of a £100 million bid ten days ago by the London School of Economics, which wished to move into the building.

The London Residuary Body (LRB), set up to dispose of the assets of the Greater London Council, including County Hall, among the 32 London boroughs, said yesterday: "We are very close to signing a contract with Shirayama. Sir Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the LRB, is in Osaka today to sign the contract for the sale."

Shirayama Corporation is a privately owned property company which has pledged to spend £500 million on buy ing and developing the site. Its proposals include 400 hotel rooms and 300 flats. The debating chamber will be transformed into a confer-

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Bond car fiction turned into fact

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent.

THE plots of a James Bond movie may seem fanciful but the fictional technology is about to become fact. Soon motorists will be able to fit a tracking device to their own cars so that if they are stolen police will be able to follow

the thieves and retrieve the car. Securicor Datatrak says that it has developed a tiny tracking device for its fleet of cash-carrying security trucks and hopes to make it commercially available in the next few years. It would cost £400 or less and would signal its control room, giving grid references of a car's location, accurate to within 50 metres on an Ordnance Survey map. The device may even be linked to systems sensitive enough to detect when a thief breaks into the car, instantly transmitting a warning signal to Securicor's operators who then track

the car's getaway journey.

Car thefts and break-ins have become a major concern. The Association of British Insurers estimates that 30,000 vehicles a year are stolen to order and then taken across the Channel. They are often huxurious saloons or sports cars which are never seen again.

The Securicor device, designed and manufactured in Britain, would enable police to track the vehicle across the UK. At the moment, use of the device is limited to about 2.000 vehicles.

Securicor has 13 low-frequency transmitters which beam into a small computer on board the vehicle. That enables the car, van or lorry to work out its position and then relay the information to 90 base stations. A central control room can then plot the speed, destination and position of the vehicle. Inside the car, there is a small display screen that can flash up messages and electronics experts are working on an aerial that could be installed out of the sight of thieves.
Philip Poulter, Securicor Datatrak's

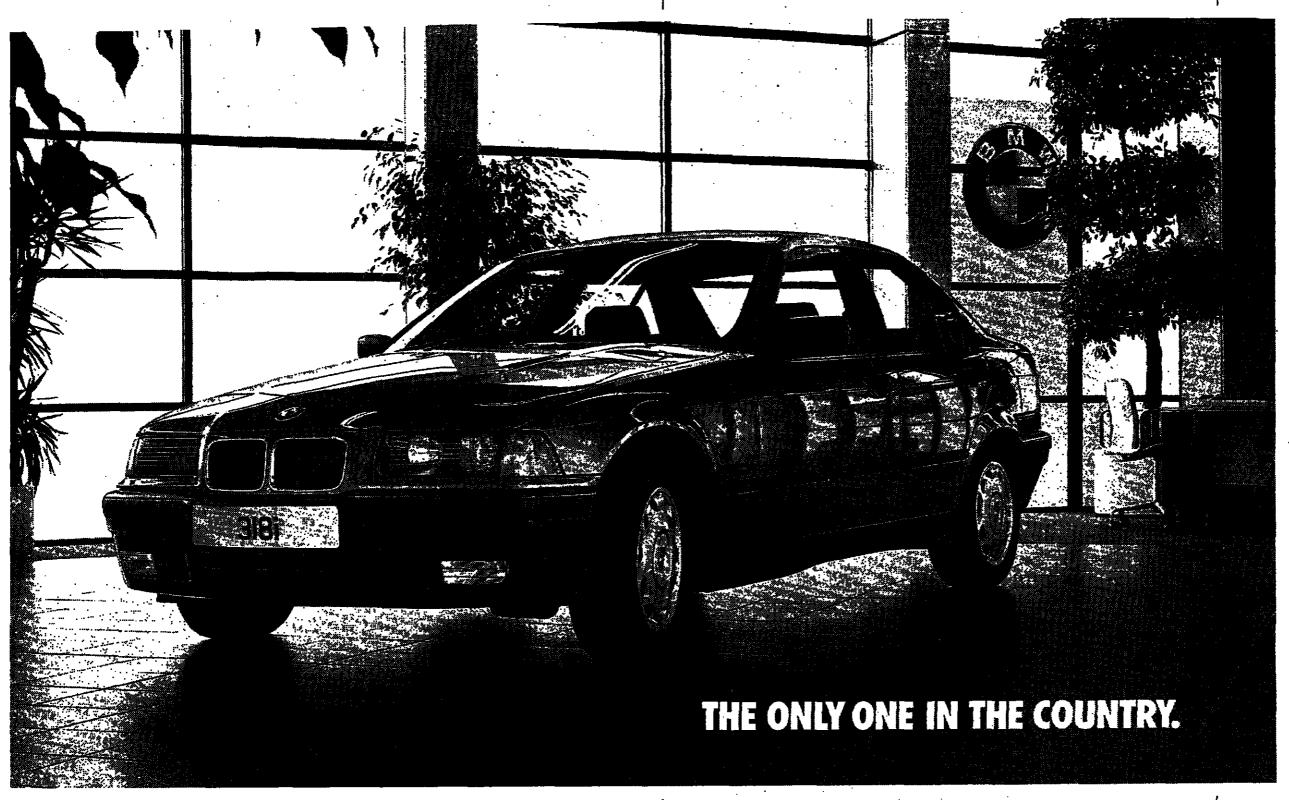
sales and marketing director, said yesterday: "The applications of such a system are potentially enormous and we are just at the start. However, there are clear gains to be made if this is used as a security system."

Securicor has shown its device to the Association of Police Officers and the Home Office as well as demonstrating its capabilities to big fleet operators. They are interested in its security ap-plications although they will also be able to plot the best ways to use their vehicles by computing their movements and how often they are out of

London Ambulance has just equipped more than 320 vehicles as part of a £1 million scheme to track its vehicles to ensure that they reach

emergencies more quickly.

The RAC is also planning to use the transmitter network for its emergency



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RSPCA secures record convictions

. Pet shops accused of encouraging cruelty

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

CASES of cruelty to animals have risen steadily, culminating in a record number of criminal convictions last year, the RSPCA says today. Britain is plagued by a frivolous approach to per ownership, exemplified by the boom in designer" pers, from small crocodiles to tarantulas, the society says.

Prosecutions of pet shops doubled last year and convictions rose from 29 to 61. The society calls for tougher standards for shops, some of which it says are "shamefully poor". It says that pet dealers, as well as owners, are failing to recognise their responsibilities, and it believes that some traders have fuelled the problem by pandering to the de-mand for exotic "status symbol" animals.

The society's 1991 workload statistics, published today, show that inspectors investigated 86,531 complaints last year, compared with 85,867 the year before. and secured a record 2,718 convictions, compared with a 1990 total of 2,608. The in-Spectorate received 1.156,696 phone calls in

This decade has been billed by some commentators

Needless x-rays 'cost lives'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

X-RAYS could be cut by a fifth, saving £50-£60 million a year for the health service. according to a study by a working party of the Royal College of Radiologists. Be-sides the financial saving, up to 100 deaths from cancer could be prevented each year. X-rays are responsible for 90 per cent of the exposures to radiation from man-made

Doctors in six hospitals vol-untarily cut their requests for x-rays by up to 80 per cent when issued with guidelines on their use, the working party says in the British Medical ferrals by 30-40 per cent, although the overall average was 7.7 per cent for in-patients and 8.9 per cent for out-patients. The guidelines are based on ten years' work and the expertise of nearly

A 1990 report by the National Radiological Protection Board said that unnecessary radiation from x-rays "could be responsible for between 100 and 250 of the 160,000 cancer fatalities that occur each year".

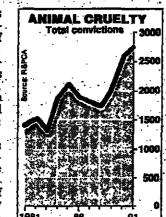
1.000 consultants.

In a survey last year, the college found that some doctors ordered up to 25 times more x-rays for every 100 patients than others, but could not explain why.

It also revealed that five out of six centres investigated could not meet the legal requirements set out in the 1988 Ionising Radiation Regulations, which specify that doses of radiation must be kept "as low as reasonably achievable".

Many doctors refer patients for too many x-rays to protect themselves from negligence claims. But the BMJ warned last year that "litigation will almost certainly arise from the inappropriate use of diagnostic radia-tion in the future".

The working party says that issuing guidelines alone will not be enough to alter doctors' habits. But there is "enormous pressure" to resist the introduction of stricter controls, it says.



as the caring Nineties, but we see little evidence to support that view, and our hopes of reversing the relentless increase in cruelty and abuse have been dashed," Richard Davies, the RSPCA inspec-

torate's chief officer, said.
"We are picking up the pieces in a throwaway culture where animals are often acquired on impulse, and negletted or discarded once they lose their appeal. The recent boom in designer pets is an example of the frivolous approach to pet ownership that plagues this nation. It is vital to make people under-stand the responsibilities in-volved in owning an animal."

The society speaks of un-covering a "shameful catalogue" of low standards and poor husbandry in pet shops. and gives instances of a Liverpool dealer who killed a cayman(a type of small croco-dile) when he was unable to sell it, and a dealer in Billing-borough, Lincolnshire, who

sent three tarantulas through the post to Spain in plastic bags, with their legs wrapped rightly round their bodies.

At a shop in Weymouth, it says, a monitor lizard was sold close to death, suffering from mouth rot. The society's report continues: "Conditions at the shop were appalling. Spiders were found in cages so small they could not stretch their legs. Snakes and other reptiles confined in cages with unguarded light bulbs were in danger of burning themselves and a turtle had to swim continuously as there was no landing area in its

Mr Davies said: "It is a scandal that people making their living from animals can prove so callous and ignorant about their basic needs.

Among the measures the society wants introduced are tougher licensing standards, compulsory training for staff selling animals, and a re-quirement for traders to provide proper instruction on caring for the animals they

☐ The society is to organise a mass petition against bullfighting in the run-up to the Barcelona Olympics and Expo 92 in Seville later this "As Spain welcomes the

world, we will confront the authorities asking them to end this barbaric form of, form, launched today, says. "Every year 30,000 bulls are slowly tortured and stabbed to death in Spanish bullrings." Members are asked to write to their European MPs.



Knowing the ropes: members of the women's team of 217 General Hospital (V) at a Territorial Army skills competition at Pirbright, Surrey, yesterday

Holbein '£8m sale' hangs in balance

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

SPECULATION continued yesterday as to whether Hans Holbein's Portrait of a Lady with a Starling had been withdrawn from auction on April 15 and acquired by private treaty sale for the

The painting became the

subject of a furore in heritage circles when Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery, objected to the haste in which its owner, the Marquess Cholmondeley, had apparently gone to market without researching the alternatives. Yesterday Mr MacGregor was at the National Gallery, presumed to be on business connected with the painting. Sources said that £8 million

had been raised. Meanwhile, Christopher Ponter, company secretary of Christie's, said: The sugges-tion that the Holbein has been saved is total news to me. We have just been having discussions." Charles Allsopp, the chairman, said: "I have been out of the country and know nothing about it.
As far as I know, the painting

As far as t know, are paining is still going to auction."

Two weeks ago, in an analysis of Lord Cholmondeley's tax position, The Times pointed out that he would have to pay only 40 per cent tax were he to sell the Holbein to the nation. Going to auction would probably result in a 60 per cent tax bill.

Man in Armour, held by Glasgow's museum and art gallery, has been verified as a Rembrandt. It will be displayed at the National Gallery's Rembrandt exhibition. opening on Thursday.

Prisoner on the run dies in car crash

An escaped prisoner died and a passenger was critically injured in a head-on collision with a van as they sped past a police patrol in a stolen car. lason Clark, aged 22, died at i junction in Bletchley,

Buckinghamshire. Clark was on the run from Shepton Mallet jail, Somerset where he had served 18 months of a four-year term for theft and burglary. His friend, also 22, was seriously ill in Milton Keynes General Hospital yesterday after emergency surgery. The van driver and his passenger were treated for shock.

Guards praised

One in three of the 315 raids on cash in transit were foiled last year, a quarter through the bravery of van crews and a further 55 through smoke boxes and dummy bags, ac-cording to the British Sec-urity. Industry Association. Attacks were down 8 per cent on 1990, and the amount of cash stolen fell 38 per cent to £7.6 million.

Private railway

A private company is buying 17-mile stretch of railway between Wymondham and County School in Norfolk to provide a commuter service. The company has exchanged contracts with British Rail to buy East Dereham station for its headquarters.

Spider prank

People trying to use a cash machine in Bournemouth, Dorset were greeted with the sight of a six-inch tarantula lying on the dispenser. RSPCA officials, called to remove the spider, found that it was dead. They said it had been left there as a prank.

Hunt arrests

Thirty-three anti-hunt protesters were arrested in clashes with the Croome Hunt at White Ladies Aston. Worcestershire, at the weekend. All were released on police bail.

Bond winners

This week's premium bond win-I nis week's premium bond win-ners are: £100,000, number 29BS 616116, holder lives in Kent (value of holding, £1011); £50,000, 35DB 611935, Hamp-shire (£10,000); £25,000, 4PK 694278, Suffolk (£243).

Emergency housing scheme

Refugees' homes attacked

WHEN Alfred Deras moved into a new housing scheme in Newham, east London, two weeks ago, he thought that his housing problems were over.

After two years of bed and breakfast hostels, temporary accommodation and the street, the unemployed Ugandan refugee, aged 28, had been given a new one-bedroom flat. It is part of a £650,000 development of 12 in two three-storey blocks completed by the London and Quadrant Housing Trust and funded by the Housing Corporation on behalf of the African Refugee

all the windows at the back of his home were smashed. A spate of similar attacks on the other African families who had moved into the block followed. Mr Deras attributes the attack to simple racism tinged with jealousy that African families

When refugees are granted homes in this country they may think their troubles are over. But for some, Rachel Kelly reports, new problems are just beginning

tacked me misfired. He attacked someone who cannot easily be scared." Mr Deras. a former Ugdandan government employee, was repeat-edly threatened while he remained in Uganda.

lessness services is a refugee. Housing Association.
The day after his arrival, Newham council estimates that the borough's Somali refugee population alone stands at 7,000. In response to such pressing need the Labour council's housing department has made housing refugees a priority this year and is actively support-ing housing associations which who can meet this need. Barry Simons, Newwere being housed in the

borough. "Yes, of course it ham's director of housing, was upsetting," he said. "Newham has a rapid-"But the person who at ly growing refugee popula-

apply to Newham's home-ALAN WELLER



Home truth: Alfred Deras, whose windows were smashed the day after he moved into his flat

ly growing refugee popula-tion, many of whom have endured horrendous situations and who are now faced with the twin problems of homelessness and an alien and often hostile environ-One in ten people who The council is working

with the African Housing Refugee Association to establish self-help groups among the refugee community and to set up a refugee centre. The Refugee Council said that there were no precise figures on the numbers but in 1991, 45,000 refu-gees applied for asylum. About 80 per cent have been successful but more recently the numbers have been significantly reduced, Kate Allen, the council's settlement director, said.

About 2,500 refugees were housed by councils in the United Kingdom in 1990, about 1 per cent of people housed by councils, Ms Allen said. "The others are left to fend for themselves. Most do not qualify under legislation for priority need for council housing as single young men."

There was a significant increase in street homelessness among refugees, Ms Allen said. "Most refugees have to live in the worst type of the private rented accommodation, hostels or in the street." But as Mr Deras's experiences have shown, even when they do find a more permanent home, their problems do not

Hull recalls its rebellious past By ROBIN YOUNG mentarians was taken on

THE city of Hull, which claims to be the birthplace of the English civil war, is preparing to re-enact its historic refusal to allow Charles I to enter in April 1642 as part of a festival of events commemorating the 350th anniversary of the conflict between Roundheads and Cavaliers. Hull, which is also the first

city to be visited by a touring exhibition of civil war arms and armour from the collections of the Royal Armouries, sponsored by The Times, has recruited Lord Hotham, a direct descendant of Sir John Hotham, the governor who turned the king away, to take the part of his ancestor in the re-enactment on Saturday. April 25. Sir John's stand in favour of the rebellious parlia-

April 23, 1642, after discussions with the MP for Hull and some city aldermen in what has become known as the "plotting room" in the house he occupied as governor. Twice that day he refused the king entry. The Royal Armouries exhi-

bition will be at the Town Docks Museum, Hull, from April 11 to May 31.



Airport fare passes with flying colours

YOU might assume that anyone who chooses to cat breakfast at Heathrow airport for three months running is either extraordinarily unlucky with a succession of prolonged flight delays or is being paid plenty of money.

Egon Ronay the food critic was presumably paid plenty of money by the airport's authorities when he was hired to breakfast, incognito, for three months and report on how to improve the food dished up at Heathrow.

By squealing on carcless cooks, Mr Ronay says he has sharpened service. But when he asserts that breakfast at Heathrow now beats breakfast in any other European airport you wonder whether

Mr Ronay is a stay-at-home type, or is perhaps reeling a bit from the understandable after-effects of eating too many Fried Eggs Leatherette and Cold-style Toast.

Mr Ronay confesses to stacking the odds by choosing "the first meal of the day and the only one for which the British have ever had a reputation for excellence". Even so, it is almost as challenging to swallow his cheery conclusions (which will be distributed free to passengers at Heathrow from mid-April) as it is to swallow

breakfast in Terminal One. The first difficulty in digesting Mr Ronay's find-ings is that his disguise must have been twigged early on.

Very few people eat breakfast day after day at Heathrow. Most of them would be carrying a tell-tale flight bag or dressed in purple track suits. Was Mr Ronay?

Second, how many habit-ual Heathrow breakfasters stay for "an average of an hour and a half' and stack their tray with "fruit juice, bacon, sausage, eggs fried and/or scrambled, mushrooms, baked beans, kippers, croissants, toast, rolls, pastries, tea and coffee" as well as occassionally adding "fruit salad, hash browns, black pudding and meat or

vegetable samosas"? Even though Mr Ronay was not eating alone, you assume it would dawn on even

the doziest server that the catering inspectors were in. Professional food inspectors are different from you and me. They have more clout. Mr Ronay admits that, at first, he met "pre-cooked fried eggs stacked like a multi-storey car park" and tomatoes served "almost completely raw or virtually incinerated". When Mr Ronay grassed on such transgressors they "reacted positively": cash prizes for whichever outlet he most favoured at the end of the project must have helped.
In the end, The Granary in Terminal Three won the contest. Rush before the French and Italians hear about it.

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Rousing speeches give Tory campaign fillip

Major peps up the candidates with his tough new image

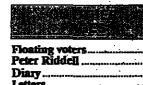
POLITICAL EDITOR

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BOLSTERED by a strong endorsement of his leadership from Margaret Thatcher, John Major told the Conservative candidates rally in London yesterday that their task was to present the Tories to the country as a party which would spread wealth where Labour would confiscate it.

In a clear effort to counter accusations of a negative Tory campaign, he promised that the Tories would concentrate on the basics in schools that would be regularly in-spected, which would publish their results and which would offer parents a choice.

They would produce a new attitude in the public services and increase spending on the health service year by year. They stood for wider ownership still "for rents to mortgages. homesteading and imaginative new ways to ownership in housing. For every



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ownership to its employees, an end to a world in which there were share options for directors but never for staff". Mr Major said: "Tell them

we will be giving a new incentive, new help to the millions of young people who want personal pensions of their own." The Conservatives, he said, stood for "the power to choose, in schools, in housing, in the conduct of daily life through lower tax. Tell them we stand for sound money and stable prices. For freedom from trade union dominanace. For freedom from council interference. For the family and the individual first and the state only when needed".



United stand: Mr Major and Mrs Thatcher at yesterday's rally of Tory candidates

Ashdown ridicules **Tories over pact**

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major would be guilty of "a discreditable and irresponsible act" if he risked the peace of Northern Ireland by trying to reach a deal with the Ulster Unionists in the event

of a hung parliament, Paddy

Ashdown said yesterday. The Liberal Democrat leader described a newspaper report that a minority Tory government would seek backing from Unionist MPs rather than the Liberal Democrats as one of the most sinister events of the campaign. Such a move after the election would be utterly dis-

creditable, he said. In addition, the Liberal Democrat strategists last night agreed to Mr Ashdown's demand to make a massive boost to education spending a condition for supporting a Labour or Tory government in a hung

The party emerged from the first full week of campaigning with the polls hovering at around 17 per cent, a rise of 1.6 percentage points overall on the week. The decision to make education a priority for any post-electoral deal was made after reports to the strategy team from Mr Ashdown and the constituencies that there was strong grassroot support for the party's plans for a 1p rise on the basic rate of income tax to boost education and training for all ages. The party will today launch a further policy document on education, The Liberal Democrat

Guarantee. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World this Weekend about the prospect of a Con-servative/Ulster Unionist pact. Mr Ashdown said yesterday: "We now understand. that [the Conservatives] are prepared if necessary to place the peace of Ulster at risk as a price to ensure that they stay in government in the case of a minority government being

He added: "I cannot understand how John Major. under whose government incremental but important progress has been made at a very considerable price in blood and misery in North-

em Ireland, is now prepared to place that at risk by making a future government of our country depend upon those who would like to reverse the course of peace in Northern Ireland.

"If the Conservatives are serious about that, then I believe that is one of the most discreditable and irresponsible acts of a government for a very long time."

The Liberal Democrats are defending 22 seats compared with 13 held by the various Ulster Unionist parties. Although little change in the political map of Northern Ireland is predicted, the Liberal Democrats could well end up

with fewer seats after April 9. Mr Major and his senior cabinet colleagues have re-peatedly said they would not negotiate a post-electoral pact with Mr Ashdown in a hung parliament, but have not ruled out seeking the support of Unionist MPs.

sation and contracting out, less secretive attitudes in Whitehall, and the bringing of outside skills into lazy town halls. There would be more policemen back on the beat.

Speaking in his newly com-bative mode, Mr Major at times almost shouted his lines, insisting that the Con-servatives under Mrs Thatcher had changed the face of Britain and that their record should be proclaimed.

Mr Major, who pleased the Tory candidates with his sharper style, said that, by contrast, Labour's tax plans were spiteful, hurting mil-lions of skilled people to give others payouts of no more than a few pence a week.

Labour's tax burden

"would drive away the huge tide of foreign investment that we have attracted", he said. "It is the politics of the stone age, the politics of envy. Economic illiteracy with a dash of calculated malice intended to wound, intended to bite and we will make sure it is doomed to failure."

Tories should proudly boast of their achievements, but make no apology for cam-paigning on Labour's tax and spending plans, which went to the very heart of the

Earlier Mrs Thatcher had won loud cheers when she paid tribute to the prime minister's leadership and warned the candidates: "Everything we have gained could so easily be lost unless we are returned for a fourth term under John

Major's leadership."
Like Mr Major, she
emphasised that there remained a huge gap between
the Conservative and Labour approaches, Labour was still socialist and deliberately set out to impose more govern-ment control over people's lives. "That's why they love that socialist Delors' socialist charter. When will they learn you cannot build Jerusalem had not changed their spots, only their suits.

Promising her "most earnest endeavour to win, that further period in office that we believe you need and we believe our country deserves", she was cheered throughout

her brief speech. Mrs Thatcher scoffed at the prospect of a hung parliament, saying: "A hung parlia-ment would hang the future of our country". It took 100 days for Belgium to form a

One hint of criticism of her successor came when she said: "This manifesto has John Major's approach stamped on it and that is absolutely right. But amid the enormous detail in this very full document we must make sure electors do not lose sight of the really big issues that are at stake in this election."

There was, too, a brief warning against governments borrowing too much. But Mrs Thatcher had clearly come to praise her successor not to bury him and the candidates who left the hall were well pleased with the display of unity on the platform and the definition of their task by the prime



Shake on it: Denis Healey, the former Chancellor, canvassing in Streatham, where Labour hopes to overturn a 2,407 Tory majority

Kinnock **WOOS** business leaders

By JILL SHERMAN

NEIL Kinnock yesterday launched a "business front offensive to reassure industrialists that Labour would not revert to economic policies of the sixties and seventies and would do nothing to penalise industry when he took office. Over croissants and scram-bled eggs in the Harvest Room, at the London Hilton, Park Lane, Mr Kinnock set

out to persuade a selection of

mainly Labour supporters

strict monetary policy com bined with a strong supply side policy to ensure a stable and supportive business

Mr Kinnock, Gordon Brown, shadow trade spokesman, and Margery Mowlem, city spokesman, answered questions from about 50 businessmen and women who had been gathered together by the Labour peer. Lord Hollick Asked by one businessman to address fears in the city that Labour's plans would hit small and medium sized businesses, Mr Kinnock insisted that any measures helping industry in the March 10 budget, such as softening the impact of the unified business rate, exempting small businesses from inheritance tax and halving the special tax on new cars, would be kept under a Labour government. Asked by Jarvis Astaire, Chairman of Wembley Stadium Ltd, whether Labour would change its tune after it took office, Mr Kinnock said it would be an "excercise in throat slitting" by any serious fiscal party if they did what the Tories claimed they would do. raise spending by £37 billion and raise taxes by £1,000 per year for the average family. :

Smith contradicts Hattersley with pledge of 50p tax limit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND LOUISE HIDALGO

JOHN Smith yesterday contradicted Roy Hattersley and gave an unequivocal pledge that Labour's 50p top rate of tax would not be increased. The shadow chancellor also set as his target the achieve-ment of inflation at the average of the European Com-

His refusal to match John Major's target of zero inflation was attacked by the Conservatives last night. Norman amont, the Chancellor, said proved Labour was "soft on ullation"

Asked whether he would nake the battle against inflation the "overriding priority", Mr Smith said he would make control of it "a very

growth and high levels of employment important features of his policy, and would seek to attain equilibrium in the balance of payments. Mr Lamont said last night: The public has heard that

the defeat of inflation is not an overriding objective. Stable prices for him means reasonable inflation, or whatever level you care to choose. No doubt for him that would be whatever level the trade unions wanted and damn the

Appearing on the BBC I programme On the Record Mr Smith found himself

Hattersley was asked: "Are you saying that throughout the life of the next parliament we should know that the top rate of income tax will not under any circumstances go above 50p."

The deputy leader replied: "No, we have not said that. John Smith has not said that and nobody would say that. We have said it regarding the standard rate. That is abso-

When this was put to Mr when this was put to Mr Smith, he said the position was "quite clear", adding, "50p will be the top rate of tax under a Labour govern-ment". He quipped that it was "very kind of Roy to seek to give me some flexibility". It was the second time since

the election campaign began would also make economic day. Interviewed by David bench colleagues. Last Wed-nity average.

Labour's manifesto pledge to take water back into public control from public owner-ship. He said that a Labour government might buy back shares, a suggestion that John Cunningham, the campaigns chief, overturned the following day.
In the interview, Mr Smith

responded to the challenge that Labour had stoked up pay expectations among pubsector workers and would be forced to give inflationary wage rises. He said any "sen-sitive government" would want to halt the deterioration in pay and conditions, but

Labour would have to take account of the capacity of the economy to sustain increases "however justified the claims are". Mr Smith said his obimportant feature of econom-ic policy". He added that he Mr Hattersley earlier in the be corrected by his front-about the European Commujective was to keep inflation at

POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe

Democrats gain at Tories' expense

THE results of yesterday's crop of polls ranged from a 1 per cent Conservative lead (Harris/Observer) to a 5 per cent Labour lead (ICM/-Sunday Express) and sent mixed signals about the parties' performance on the key

Has party support shifted? Yes, but not much. Labour's

lead has risen from 1.0 to 2.2 per cent since the previous weekend because Liberal Democrat support has risen slightly at the Conservatives' expense. The average change over the week in the five comparable Sunday polls is: Conservatives down 1.4 to 38.4 per cent, Labour down 0:2 to 40.6 per cent, Liberal Democrats up 1.6 to 16.6 per cent. Could this small shift simply be sampling error?

No, it's probably real. The Conservative vote fell in four of the five polls (and stayed the same in the fifth) while the
Liberal Democrat vote increased in three and stayed

on Sunday. Mr Smith's presentation of Labour's budget
appears to have mollified at Liberal Democrat vote in-creased in three and stayed the same in two. In the two polls which reinterviewed the previous week's "panel" of respondents — the most reli-able way of measuring change - the Tories were net losers of votes and the Liberal

Democrats net gainers. Which party leader was the star of the week?

None. The award goes to John Smith, the shadow chancellor, who opened up a massive 32 point lead over Norman Lamont as the voters' preferred chancellor, according to NOP in the Mail least some voters' continuing worries about Labour's tax plans and economic

Which party leader is winning the prime ministerial stakes? John Major, still. But the

incumbent usually is the voters' first preference and Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown have risen in voters' estimation. In the MORI/-Sunday Times panel Major's "satisfaction rating" fell from +14 to +9, while Kinnock's improved from -12 to -2 and

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| 11-13 March | 5 | -1.0 | 39.8 | 40.8 | 15.0 | 4.4 |
| 18-20 March | 5 | -2.2 | 38.4 | 40.6 | 16.6 | 4.4 |

Ashdown's fron +38 to +40. Similar changes were report-ed in other polls. Major's narrowing popularity advan-tage over Kinnock is not the electoral asset for the Conservatives it once was.

Are voters' party preferences on particular issues changing?

The NOP/Independent on Sunday panel found that the Conservatives' rating for economic competence had fallen from +8 to +5 while Labour's had improved from -7 to +1. But the MORI/Sunday Times panel found that the Conservatives' lead over Labour for "managing the economy" widened from 34-28 to 40-31 over the week. If the Conservatives are pre-

ferred on the dominant issues of the economy and taxes, why have they lost ground?

Because the politicians' agenda is not the voters' agenda. Respondents told MORI that the most important issues "in helping [me] to decide which party to vote for" were health (50 per cent - up 10 points from last week), schools (39 per cent — up 13 points) and jobs (39 per cent) — all favourable issues for Labour. The Liberal Democrats are making some headway on education, which is proving a more salient issue in this election than in any since the war.

What result do the polis point to? Stalemate. All but seven of

this year's 47 polls imply a hung parliament. Assuming a uniform national swing, the weekend's polls translate into Labour 312 seats, Conservatives 302. Liberal Democrats 14, Nationalists 6, Irish 17, If special local factors enabled the Liberal Democrats to win 20 seats and the Scottish Nationalists 8 Labour would win 307 seats to the Conservatives 296, produc-ing a deadlocked parliament.

Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the University

The show must go on — but can anyone think why?

Why must the show go on? sang Noel Coward. It can't be all that indispensible To me it really isn't sensible On the whole

To play a leading role When fighting those tears you can't

On Friday last week, the prime minister rose a little after 5am. washing, dressing and breakfast-ing hastily, and was ready for a series of press briefings beginning at six. At 8.30 he was due at a press conference in Smith Square.

Immediately after that, he flew to Bradford. You may remember his trip to B&Q for a walkabout and photo opportunities. A reception at Yorkshire Television and lunch in Leeds, with regional editors, followed. On almost every occasion he was expected to say a few

words. We're asked to condole With each tremulous soul Who sets out to be loudly

Then he went to the Corn Exchange for a public meeting.



CAMPAIGN SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

Another speech. But soon he had to fly. There was the little matter of his adoption as Conservative candidate in Huntingdon to be disposed of. Another speech.

Finally, back to London. At Downing Street, a series of meetings started at 10pm. Mr Major was in bed after midnight. There was time for four or five hours' sleep before Saturday's programme began.

Or take an average Sunday ~ yesterday, for instance - for an average voter - me, for instance trying to keep up with the general election. It was necessary to be up at dawn in order to watch the previous evening's video of A Week in Politics. It had clashed with the

7 o'clock news on BBC2. By 8.30am, our elector must be

ready for Frost on Sunday with Roy Hattersley, Des Wilson and Doug-las Hurd. As this finishes, he will be awaiting the delivery of the Sunday newpapers.

These must be read rapidly for, by noon, in the Midlands, Central's election programme with Ed-wina Currie would be under way, followed by Brian Walden's inter-view with Mr Major at 1.10. Jonathan Dimbleby's interview with John Smith clashed. It would have

To the newspapers, fast. The first three pages of The Sunday Times were all about the election. Then there was the eight-page election special pullout. The leading article was about the election too. So was much of the News Review section

graph and the Observer would have to wait. There was the John Smith video to be viewed. Then there would be the splash in The Independent on Sunday to study — if there was time, that is, before Bryan Gould was to be interviewed by a computer on Star Chamber at 5.30pm. Peter Lilley and Norman Lamont were on The Money Programme at half past six. Hopefully this would finish before the The Channel Four News Election Special at seven. The tabloids would have to wait: especially as at 9pm comes News Hour on the BBC

Enough! This election is entering phase similar to that in which the Gulf war languished for weeks. It was obviously important, but nothing was actually happening. The consequence was that the media felt they should shelve other news and concentrate on a picture which was scarcely changing. Responsi-

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of standing back a little from the

and a large part of the business supplement. The Sunday Teleble citizens felt they ought to talk about it. There was nothing, however, to say.
I watched Paddy Ashdown flailing through a militant housing estate in Liverpool on Friday. They had allowed him eight minutes

there. He was lungeing out hope-lessly in all directions, shaking hands. He was seeing nothing, learning nothing, and having no fun at all. Nor were the residents, nor were the press. So ... Why not announce the closing The public seem to hate the sight of

Dear And so Why you should undergo This terrible strain we'll never

Surely there are other things to talk about. Did you know, for instance, that a poll in yesterday's Sunday Mirror shows that 57 per cent think that Fergie should earn her own living while 33 per cent

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Kinnock's campaign veterans eager to build on flying start

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL

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IF LABOUR'S campaign team has an obvious advantage over the Conservatives, it is that its members are more battle-hardened. The key players manning the controls at the party's Walworth Road headquarters, in constant touch with their colleagues in Neil Kinnock's entourage, seem to have been around a long time.

Peter Mandelson, Labour's former director of campaign-ing and almost certainly the next MP for Hartlepool, built Labour's publicity machine into an effective force that became the envy of its oppo-nents. Labour was felt to have won the 1987 campaign, although it lost the election. David Hill, the man now in Mr Mandelson's job and one of the few backroom figures to have worked for Labour in government, is trying to go

He has made a flying start. In the eyes of most impartial observers, Labour's campaign took the honours in the first full week of the campaign. The decision to stage a shadow budget was a huge

initiative by presenting it as a government-in-waiting with an economic programme fully worked out and aching to get in to implement it.

Mr Hill, a shrewd political operator who is popular with the media but gets tough when he needs to, worked for



Hall: fiercely loyal

'Minders' keep eye on Kinnock

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will launch its manufacturing manifesto in Birmingham today as part of a strategy to build on a "positive" campaign during the week. Party strategists said that Labour would be fighting on policy issues rather than trading insults.

Shadow cabinet ministers are expected to exploit to the full John Major's sudden change of tack last week when he accused Labour of sending flying pickets and rent-a-mobs to disrupt his walk-

about in Bolton. Neil Kinnock will be pre-sented as a prime ministerial candidate above the iray while Mr Major will be depicted as the leader of the Opposition fighting a negative, defensive campaign. Labour will press home the message that eight out of ten families will be better off under their tax proposals and

Gnomes ward off visitors

A garden centre manager is marketing gnomes looking like John Major and Neil Kinnock. They are meant to ward off unwelcome

canvassers. Colin Stone, the man behind the idea, believes that if voters put a gnome of a party leader in their front garden, canvassers from rival parties will not call.

The politicognomes, which cost £18.95, are being distributeed from a garden centre in the New Forest.

Rebel attacked

A sharp attack was launched yesterday by the former Win-chester MP. Rear Admiral Morgan Giles, on John Browne for deciding to stand as an independent Conservative in the constituency hav-ing been deselected by the party. Rear Admiral Giles who was succeeded by Mr constituency - said: "I would have died of shame rather than stand against my own

Fast fringe

Club Lotus, the sports car club, announced yesterday that it was seeking a candidate for its Buy a Lotus Today party. The party wants the government to improve the position of the motor industry and if its candidate is elected. he will press the prime minister to use a Lotus Esprit Turbo for offical engagements.

Rival flower

Labour's red rose is to be rivalled by a flower named after John Major, Tony Hickman, a Gloucestershire gardener, who breeds fuchsias, has called his latest creation John Major, after getting written permission from the prime minister. Mr Hickman said: "I chose John Major for the name because I have been very impressed with his leadership.

decision to try to take maximum publicity from it before and afterwards. It is uncertain whether the contents will eventually damage Labour as the campaign unfolds, but it undoubtedly gave Labour the



then spell out plans for

health, education, crime pre-

Labour predicts that the Tories will reserve their main attacks this week for John Smith, shadow Chancellor, whom the party says has "least negative ratings". Strategists believe that the party can only gain by the Tories decision to play the Thatcher card.

Senior party sources consider that about 35 per cent on the Tory right would welcome her intervention while 65 per cent would view it as a return to the Thatcher days from which they were trying to escape and feel betrayed by Mr Major.

Labour's trade spokesman. will present the party's recovery package for industry. On his second visit to Birming-ham in a week, Mr Kinnock will press home a "Made in Britain" industrial policy designed to build skills, upgrade technology and expand ex-ports. He will spell out a range of manufacturing investment incentives, research and development incentives

Strategists say the country has turned its back on a fourth term of Conservatives but admit the public still has to be won over by Labour's policies. Sources say there is a gulf between the public's perception of Labour's plans and

Mr Kinnock is unlikely to get much more public exposure than last week, although the tight rein of the first few days when he was giving little access to the press or voters has been loosened a little. Two walkabouts in his Islwyn constituency in Wales gave vivid proof of his enthusiasm and talent for on-the-street electioneering. Yet despite his yearnings for the old-style campaigning when he could take on hecklers, his "minders" are unlikely to provide him with a soapbox.

vention and transport.

Today, Gordon Brown, and regional grant initiatives.

before being appointed to his post last year. He missed out on the job to John Under-wood when Mr Mandelson left, but got a second chance when Mr Underwood resigned last year after a clash of personalities in the Labour press office. He is one of the key figures around the table when John

Roy Hattersley when the dep-

uty leader was prices secre-

tary in the last Labour

the long years in opposition.

mment and throughout

Cunningham, Labour's campaigns chief, chairs the daily planning meetings at 6.45 each morning, in the party's campaign offices on Millbank, by the Thames. Along with Mr Kinnock's entourage, these are the people who will get the plaudits if Labour pulls it off on April 9, and will return to anonymity if it does

Julie Hall, aged 33, is Mr Kinnock's hard-working and fiercely loyal press secretary. She and Charles Clarke, Mr Kinnock's chief of staff throughout his time as Labour leader, are on the road with him, liaising with Mr Hill and Neil Stewart. another Kinnock aide in-stalled in Walworth Road for the election, about campaign developments.

Ever-present at the morning meeting is a man whose colleagues regard him as one of Labour's true unsung stars. Jim Parish is effectively the stage manager, who has to ensure that the press conferences and policy launches go well. He is a perfectionist, responsible for set design, installing the sound systems, lighting, and the entrances and exits of the shadow cabi-

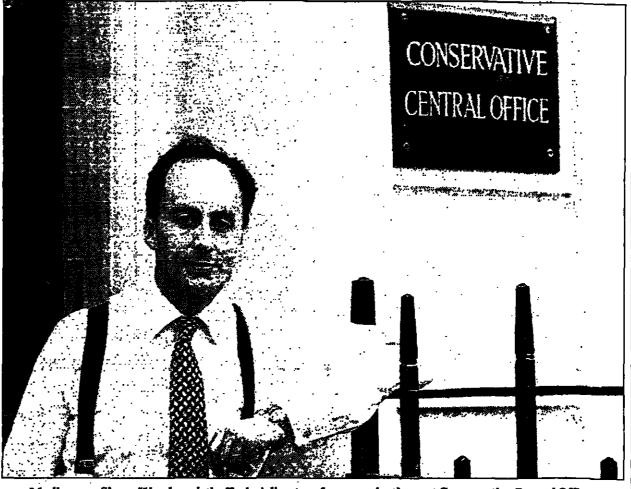
He worked closely with Mr Mandelson both before, during and after the 1987 elec-

tion and both Mr.
Mandelson and Mr Hill
speak highly of him.
Philip Gould, head of the
communications agency that was pivotal in the transformation of Labour's image, is another daily attender at the 6.45 meeting, advising on polling advertising and polit-ical broadcasts. Mr Gould, aged 41, is the man who detects the trends behind the polling figures and tells the party the issues it should be concentrating on. He works closely with Patricia Hewitt, Mr Kinnock's former press secretary and deputy director of the Institute of Public Poli-

Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, attends the daily meetings, making sure that campaigning decisions are swiftly despatched to the party's regional headquar ters. Gez Sagar, aged 29, the chief press and broadcasting officer since last year, is another of the behind-thescenes figures whom the shadow cabinet most values. He came to the Labour party after a spell on local papers, and has cut his campaigning

teeth in recent by-elections. There is no complacency among the campaign team. It believes, however, that it has an advantage over its less experienced rivals at Smith Square and its members have been startled at Conservative

tactics in week one. "I cannot understand what the Tories were trying to do last week," one said yesterday. "They spend a year building up John Major as the polite, soft-spoken, popular man of the people. He was supposed to be above the battle. Then, at the first sign of things going wrong, they throw all that over and get him snarling at the Labour party. If you draw up a strategy that you think is right, you have to stick with it."





Stage manager: Jim Parish, Labour's senior campaign manager, at the Walworth Road headquarters

Strain starts to show on Major's round-the-clock 'brat pack'

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

YOU can spot them a mile off. Bags under the eyes, pallid skins and an occasional weariness of step. They are the backroom team behind the Tory election cam and they can be forgiven for feeling the strain.

Since the phoney war began in January they have been working around the clock. Now the gloves are off, life is one endless round of photo-opportunities, media calls, dawn press conferences, strategy meetings and hectic iourneys across the country. Some are up before 5 am and do not get to bed until after midnight. The old hands at Conservative Central Office call them the "brat pack". Youth, adrenalin and bacon sandwiches from the office

canteen will have to carry them through to April 9. The Tory campaign is divided into three parts: central office in Smith Square, Downing Street and John Major's battle-bus.

The biggest concentration of manpower is in Smith Square where Shaun Woodward, aged 33, the director of communications, holds court. Mr Woodward, who joined the team in early 1991 and like many of his colleagues has never fought an election, previously worked on Esther Rantzen's show Thar's Life. He is married to Camilla Sainsbury. daughter of Tim Sainsbury. Mr Woodward is Mr Patten's media guru and takes a particularly close interest in the television and advertising as-

pects of the campaign. Andrew Lansley, aged 35, the director of research, another key player. His job is to fashion the bullets for the



Collins: the resident "spin doctor"

senior politicians to fire, to provide briefing material for candidates and to lend substance to the soundbites and images of the campaign.

Patrick Rock, aged 40, is another vital cog in the machine. Mr Patten's special adviser at the environment department before moving with his boss to central office in 1990, he is the chief link between campaign headquarters and the Londonbased senior political reporters.

David Cameron, the head

section, has also emerged as a power behind the throne after four years with the party since leaving Oxford. He came to the fore briefing the prime minister for his twice-weekly Commons jousts with Neil the dawn brigade, updating

Chris Patten and then Mr Major on the morning papers

> Steve Hilton, aged 22, and Alex Aitken, who is only a few years older, give the brat pack their name. Mr Hilton was too young to vote at the last election. After reading PPE at Oxford, he joined head office two years ago and is now in charge of liaison between central office and Saatchi & Saatchi, the Tories' advertising agency. Mr Aitken, with less flair for attracting publicity than Mr Hilton, has been drafted in temporarily for the

before the 8.30 am press

Angie Bray, aged 38, is Mr Patten's personal press officer. After working for Channel 4 television, she came to Smith Square in 1990.

On the road, the key players are Jonathan Hill, aged 31, Mr Major's political secre-tary. Tim Collins, aged 27, the resident "spin doctor", Vanessa Ford, aged 28, who acts as press minder to Norma Major and keeps the peace among the fractious press corps, Emma Borrell, aged 21, who performs a similar but more challenging task with the photographers, early forties and who makes

use of her TV experience to cope with the broadcasters. Mr Hill first met Mr Major

at Chelsea's football ground when he was working for Kenneth Clarke at the trade department and the prime minister was a junior figure. Trinity College, Cambridge, with a publishing and City background, finds himself at the seat of power.

Mr Collins, a former special adviser to Michael Howard, has made a big impact since given rein at the turn of the year to walk the corridors of the parliamentary lobby at Westminster. Now he has the even more daunting task of trying to shape the morning papers on the bumpy ride of

the campaign trail.

Edward Llewellyn, aged
26, has been with CCO since 1988. He briefs the prime minister on what to expect at the next stop on the battle-

Back at Downing Street. the staff are rather thinner on the ground than in normal times. Gus O'Donnell, the prime minister's press secretary, and Jonathan Haslam, his deputy, are sidelined by their civil service status for the duration of the campaign. Nicholas True, aged 40, the chief speech-writer, is taking the brunt of the battle, with help from Stephen Sherbourne, aged 46, a powerful figure in the Thatcher

era, who has made a surprise comeback. Sarah Hogg, aged 45, the head of the policy unit, is also on hand to advise

Bolton incident lets slip the dogs of war

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL

THE new, improved John Major that came to life towards the end of the first week of the election campaign remained something of a polit-

ical orphan yesterday. None of his troupe of backroom advisers was in a hurry to claim credit for the prime minister's transformation from Dr Jekyll to the Mr Hyde of the hustings.

On Wednesday, at the lack-lustre launch of the Tory manifesto, Mr Major's socio logical jargon about "empowering" the people was more calculated to appeal to Essex don than Essex man. Yesterday, as Margaret Thatcher stepped out of the shadows to remind her party of past glories. Mr Major could so easily have been eclipsed. He followed one of the hardest acts in town, yet he still landed a few punches of his own. He has come a long way in a few days, although he would be first to acknowledge that one rally does not win a

campaign.
Speculation abounds that
Mr Major has dismissed Mary Poppins as his speech-writer and hired Lady Macbeth. The truth, his aides insist, is more prosaic.

Nicholas True, who was special adviser to Sir Norman Fowler during his spell as health secretary, remains speech-writer in chief. How-

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ever the reappearance at drafting sessions of Stephen Sherbourne and Sir Ronald Millar, two of the sharpest wordsmiths of the Thatcher era, is circumstantial evidence that some of the old

favourites are back. The line from deep inside the Major camp is that the prime minister's more assertive style is all his own work. One senior aide turned amateur psychologist yesterday to explain the change of gear. Mr Major, who has spent much of his working life among bankers and permanent secretaries, has begun to shed the inhibitions of office and recapture the fire of his

days as a Lambeth councillor.
"There has not been a conversation or a discussion sat ing we must take a tougher " one close oberserver said. "I genuinely think he's relishing the fight more and more. He feels free to say the things that he wants to say and he's enjoying saying them."

Another insider scorned the popular belief that the prime minister was a nice guy who fell on his feet, and said: "The pushing and shoving in Bolton invigorated him and gave him a lift. It almost electrified him and the speech that night showed that."
As they struggled past the

security cordon into the uninspiring confines of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in central London yesterday. Tory candidates were in poor shape after the batter-ing the party has taken in the polls over the past week.

After an hour of Chris Patten, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major rallying them for the fray and giving them a mess-age to sell on the nation's doorsteps, they stepped back into the London drizzle in rather better heart.

Last week, Norman Tebbit, the former Tory chairman, was urging his successors to let slip the dogs of war. Yesterday, he was equally suc-cinct. "Put me down as Satisfied', of Chingford," he said.

Advisers relieved to banish memories of the two Davids

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SOON after 6 o'clock every morning the nine members of Paddy Ashdown's inner circle pass through the splendid portals of the National Liberal Club for the first of the day's strategy meetings.

As with John Major, this is Mr Ashdown's first campaign as party leader. Around him he has gathered a mixture of veterans of former elections and devotees drawn from the former Liberal and Social Democrat parties. The Liberal Democrats, and their predecessors, have always been backed by some exceptional backroom teams.

But then they and Mr Ashdown have a series of advantages over the other two parties. He has the lux-

ury of knowing that his pol-itical future does not depend on the outcome. There is a lingering sense of relief that, after the internecine warfare following the 1987 election, the new party is well established as a credible third force.

For Des Wilson, the campaign director, and Alec McGivan. his deputy and former SDP national organiser, there is the bonus of having one clear-sighted leader with confidence in his team in place of the two Davids. Memories of that last fraught campaign still haunt the hierarchy.

Privately, apart from the odd moment of euphoria,

the strategy hinges of main-

taining the party's standing

in the early weeks of the

campaign and then, it is

Lord Holme: author of much of the manifesto hoped, creeping upwards in the polls during the final fortnight. For that to happen, the party must be noticed, hence the personal



contact with grassroots prominence of Mr Ashdown. And, despite the leader's slight tetchiness at the perpetual question over a hung parliament, the closeness of Labour and Conservatives in the polls is, for the time being guaranteeing the party at least a fair share of media coverage. Once Mr Ashdown finish-

es his 7.15 press conference and sets out on his punishing schedule of flying visits, the two veterans left in charge are Mr Wilson and Lord Holme of Cheltenham, who divide strategy and policy between them. Lord Holme is the party's brains" and to him can be attributed its adherence to electoral reform as a precondition to supporting a minority government. He is the author of much of the party's manifesto.

Between 1964 and 1987. as Richard Holme, publisher and businessman, he fought unsuccessfully four elections and one by-election. A former president of the Liberal party, he was

given a life peerage in 1990 and is now the Liberal Democrats' Northern ireland Most of Mr Ashdown's

speeches are written by Alan Leaman, who rose from being a researcher and press liaison officer to one of his closest aides in the past four years. As chief press officer, Olly

Grender has the task of making sure that Mr Ashdown and his colleagues are given a fair share of television and press coverage and are offered high-profile interviews with editors and producers.

Alison Holmes works for Mr Wilson, focusing on the party political broadcasts. Tim Clement-Jones and Chris Rennard are the contacts with the grassroots of the party, and have responsibility for drawing up strate-

drawing on the patience and self-discipline learnt in the Royal Marines to pace himself as he enters the second full week of the campaign. His stride is a long, fast one, almost as if he hopes he can outdistance his entourage of minders and media and talk to "real people".

Ashdown, meanwhile, is

Given the personalities of Mr Ashdown and his team, they are unlikely to be caught out by either of the two great dangers of any election campaign: complacency or panic. But the threat of burnout from the 18-hour days being worked will intensify.

What will really test the mettle of the Ashdown platoon is if the polls begin to show the Liberal Democrat vote being badly squeezed and Labour, or the Conservatives, suddenly widening Away from the national spotlight, the Tory chairman doorsteps his highly marginal Bath constituency

Patten's on the edge of his seat

By John Young
ON a grey, drizzling afternoon the chairman of the Conservative party strides briskly along the narrow lanes of Combe Down, on the southern fringe of Bath. At the head of a small posse of supporters, including his wife Lavender, he gladhands the few passers-by, thumps on cottage doors and drops into corner shops to ask how business is.

This is not Chris Patten. Tory grandee, strategic mas-termind, television superstar, scourge of the unbelievers and the waverers. This is Chris Patten, lately MP. fighting for his political sur-vival in one of the most delicately balanced seats in the country. In 1987 he held the seat by just 1,412 votes against the determined challenge of the Alliance candidate. Malcolm Dean, a Guardian leader writer.

In marginal Bath, nowhere is more marginal than Combe Down, a village built above and around the mines and quarries from which stone was extracted to construct the great Georgian city. Many of the cottages were built to house the workers: in the 19th century several larger houses were added as summer homes for the wealthy. Since then it has sprawled to no clear pattern

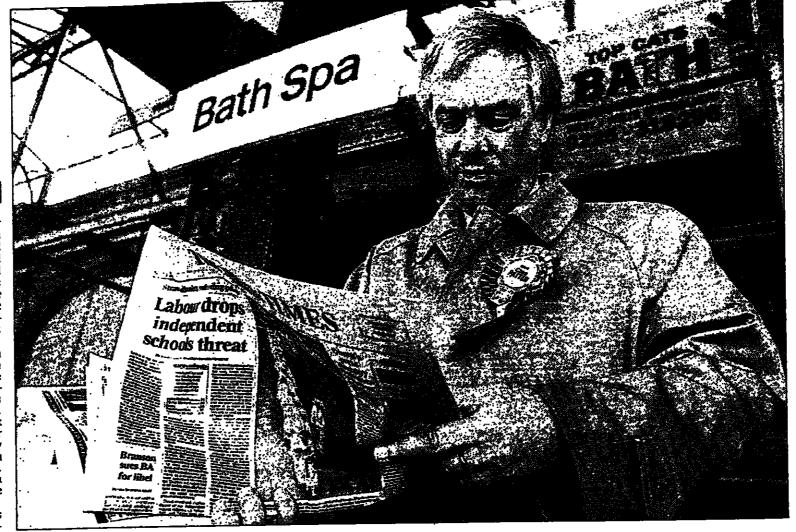
or purpose. In quick succession, Mr Patten calls at the post office.

me, I could do with a hair cut" - a newsagent and a delicatessen, where he and his wife buy three cheese and bacon pies. The bearded man behind the counter tells him he is leaving to join the army. For a moment the candidate looks slightly dis-concerted. "Well, good luck then." he says.

Probably only a politician high on electoral adrenalin could begin to cope with the demands of the dual exis-tence that Mr Patten is forced to lead at present. Every morning he is up at six o'clock at his home near Westminster Cathedral. By seven he is at his desk in Conservative Central Office. Half an hour later he has a meeting with the prime minister

At 8.30 there is a press conference, followed by further meetings and radio and television interviews. At noon a car arrives to take him to Battersea and a helicopter flight to Bath racecourse.

After spending the afternoon in the constituency, he flies back to Westminster unless he has an engagement elsewhere. Last Tuesday he had to make a detour to Luton to take part in a television debate and was not home until midnight. As yet he shows no signs of



Uncertain waters: Chris Patten scours The Times for encouraging news as he waits for the 7.15 train from London Paddington

fine," he says with a grin. "I will lose a lot of weight, but I badly need to. It was more of a strain waiting for the off. But now we're in the swing of things, I'm quite enjoying it."
Mr Patten is expected to have eight opponents, in-cluding Lindi St Clair, who has abandoned her Correc-

tive party to stand as an

brothels. The obvious danger comes from the Liberal Democrats' Don Foster, a former education lecturer at Bristol University and one-time leader of the Liberal group on Avon county council

"Nationally this is our sixth most winnable seat." Mr Foster says proudly. "We're putting in a tremendous effort, and all the party port me. But obviously the Tories will be sending in their big guns as well. They're desperate that Chris should not lose."

Whether "Chris" wins or loses is likely to depend largely on the showing of the third mainstream candidate, Pam Richards. Everyone seems to like "Pam", a former leader of the Labour group on the city council, and she is expected to fare rather better than her predecessor, who in 1987 polled less than ten per cent of the vote.

Her spacious campaign of-fices near the abbey are filled with young men in smart suits, a sure sign of Labour's new image. Things have changed a great deal in the past five years, she insists.

Despite "heavy propaganda" from the Liberal

tactical voting. Labour is much stronger nationally. and this is bound to sway voters back to her camp, she

Democrats on the need for

"All sorts of issues have arisen, like unemployment, business failures, empty shops and homelessness and unlike the Lib Dems, we are in a position to do something about them.

MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

Bring on Maggie cries the Tory press

A fter the first week. Fleet Street is worried. Neil Kinnock has been doing too well and the more independent Tory papers are uneasy about John Major's lacklustre performance. That was obviously why a dramatic switch of Tory election policy was apparently signalled yesterday when most papers led with the news that Margaret Thatcher was going into battle for John Major.

The headlines were surpris-ing. Only last Wednesday, at the launch of the Tory manifesto. Mr Major and Chris Patten were captured on television tetchily dismissing questions about Margaret Thatcher as if her very name were an embarrassment.

Yet four days later the summoning of Mrs Thatcher to battle dominated all yesterday's front pages — and the Sunday Express had a scoop with her first newspaper in terview. Labour were the "great destroyers", she de-clared. They had fought against everything that had restored Britain's reputation. That was the combative

language that a worried Daily Telegraph had been missing. The Tory campaign had lacked "aggression" and an "electric charge" and was neither exciting nor positive, the paper argued last Thursday. Charles Moore, the deputy editor, said it was time to let slip the dogs of war.

Such criticisms were tame compared with the acusations made yesterday by Andrew Neil, the editor, in a signed leading article in The Sunday Times. The Tory performance had been dismal Mr Neil said; its rallies looked limp, the campaign lacked passion, and Mr Major's downbeat style failed to generate the excitement that galvanised supporters and attracted the floaters. Unless the Tories unleashed Michael Heseltine, presented the prime minister in a better way, and let Chris Patten. Douglas Hurd, David Mellor and Kenneth Clarke - and almost nobody else, especially Normal Lamont - loose in the television debates. Labour would have the election in the bag by next Sunday.

he Sunday Telegraph political columnist, Frank Johnson, argued that Mr Major had shown himself as unsuitable to fight the class war as Asquith was to light the first world war and Chamberlain to fight the second. That insight won support from the most surprising quarter, Labour's media manipulator in 1987, Peter Mandelson, now fighting as Labour candidate in Hartlepool. In his column in The People, Mr Mandelson said: "While John Major is being seen sitting Val Doonicanstyle among slumbering Tory fans, Neil Kinnock is out there galvanising the nation. Don't be surprised if we start seeing less of Mr Major and more of swashbuckling Tarzan - Michael Heseltine. And when it becomes desperate, wait for the call to bring back Maggie, Norman and Cecil.'

Enter Tarzan and Mrs Thatcher - this time on the same side. The decision to push Mrs Thatcher centre stage was in fact made four weeks ago and the story pushed all those nasty opinion polls out of the bigger headlines. Whoever planted it was bowling a public rela-tions googly worthy of Mr Mandelson in his prime.

Nuclear power factor tests old loyalties

BY RONALD FAUX

THE people of Whitehaven in west Cumbria are inclined to speak their mind. "Now then Jack," a man bawls across the street, "sort out them Tories. 'Ammer 'em."
Jack Cunningham, distin-

guished parliamentarian. shadow leader of the Commons, former junior energy minister and the town's Labour MP for 21 years cuts a dignified, dark-coated figure. hand-shaking his way to the market place with a retinue of supporters. The morning's work will be to attack the government's record on health care, but a man with a foghorn voice begins a harangue from the other side of the square.

The attack grows louder, more personal and more abusive and Dr Cunningham whispers "police" to an aide. A passer-by observes that the heckler must be a sandwich short of a picnic and two detectives appear and move the man on. As they do, the candidate becomes somehow involved in the reunion of a mother with her lost child. The woman is hysterical and bursts into tears on Dr Cunningham's lapels. It is turning into one of those days that a campaigning candidate would prefer not to have.

These are difficult times for politicians in west Cumbria. The feeling is that they have some explaining to do. If employment is the lifeblood of an economy, then Copeland, as the constituency is now known, is suffering a haem-orrhage. Jobs are disappearing at an alarming rate.

The Volvo works near Workington is closing, production is to end at the west Cumbrian open-cast coalfield in three years, Whitehaven docks are under threat, the Albright and Wilson detergent works at Whitehaven is laying off workers and British Nuclear Fuels at Seliafield the region's biggest employer, will no longer need thousands of construction workers once the Thorp reprocessing plant is completed.

Dr Cunningham's prediction of an "unemployment calamity" is that 2,000 to

A POOPLES NO.

perception remains that Labour is against nuclear energy and is more likely than the Conservatives to shut Sellafield. It is an argument Dr Cunningham has fought at seven elections since he became Whitehaven's MP.

The Labour stance on nuclear power is not much different from the Tory stance," he said. "They have announced a moratorium on building nuclear plants and two have closed in their years of office. Labour's position was that

dependency on civil nuclear power should diminish. "My personal view is that the world is not going to get by without civil nuclear power." Even so, for the Labour

party there is a warning example in neighbouring Barrow-in-Furness, which is hardly natural Tory territory but which voted in a Conservative MP because of Labour's attitudes towards the Trident programme. Nuclear industry is a dou-

ble-edged sword for the can-didates in Copeland. Workers who could be counted as Labour party supporters might be persuaded to turn Liberal Democrat or even Tory. In the quiet lanes of Gosforth and Eskdale, where plans for an underground nuclear waste repository have caused alarm, far more posters de-clare "No to Nirex" than sup-port for the Tory candidate.

Independent Conservative calling for the legalisation of Plot thickens for Des Wilson

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE good guys and the bad guys are fighting it out in a battle between an environmental movement, big business, politicians and journalists. Much skulduggery and intrigue are promised in Campaign, the latest and aptly named novel from Des Wilson, the Liberal Democrats' campaign director.

He is reluctant to divulge whether the plot bears any similarity to the goings-on behind the scenes of the party and its predecessors. But it draws extensively, he admits, on his 25-plus years of dangling his feet in all four

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worlds of the plot. The death throes of the Maxwell empire of which his publishers were part - are holding up proceedings, which means that, unlike in the 1987 election campaign, Mr Wilson is not combining a book launch with masterminding the party's election strategy. As an unelected and profes-

sional campaigner, he is more open than most to criticism and is liable to be singled out as the fall guy if the campaign goes wrong. So far he has either been too shrewd or too lucky to arouse intense jealousies. But he emerged recling from a recent meeting with candidates in Glasgow at the party's spring conference, as everyone, he moaned, had different views on how the campaign should be run. He appears irrepressible, determined not to be deflected from his task of providing a sense of direction to the



Out of the wreckage of the 1987 campaign with the two Davids, which Mr Wilson describes in Battle for Power, he kept faith with his colleagues and took part in a merger process. In the meantime, he wrote a sex and sand thriller, Costa del Sol, to keep body and soul together before taking on the role of campaign strategist, unpaid, two years ago. The seasoned campaigner

even though that means expecting the media circus to turn out at 7.15 each morning, and him to start at 5.30 to trawl through the newspapers and negotiate the day's agenda with Paddy Ashdown and party advisers. Although for his first 20 years, growing up in the small New Zealand town of Oamaru, he never saw a television set, he has developed the knack of converting events into headlines

stuck to his well-tried strategy of requiring his leader to hold his morning press confer-ences before the competition, and sound-bites in his sleep. With recent polls confirming that the party's support is holding up well, his energies

are directed at countering the "wasted vote" danger. There are two main aims in the next three weeks: to prevent either "soft" Tories, contemplating a shift to the Liberal Demo crats, being frightened back into the Tory camp by a Labour surge; and to per-suade the anti-Tory voters to opt for the Liberal Democrats rather than Labour, particularly in the 250-plus seats where the old alliance parties came second in 1987. His My Vote slogan, a main feature of the campaign, is his way of trying to make a vote for the Liberal Democrats seemboth positive and

The Mori-Times poll finding that 35 per cent of the electorate said they would vote Liberal Democrat if they thought that they could win confirms the party's need to win over voters without making itself ridiculous by measuring up the carpets and curtains in 10 Downing Street His message, which will be repeated over and over again, is: "... that's why we say that the only wasted vote in British politics is a vote for those old parties".

His campaigning skills were developed through setting up Shelter, the charity for the homeless, and more recently honed with Clean (the campaign for lead-free petrol), the campaign for free-dom of information, and the Parents Against Tobacco sales lobby. At 51, he emerges as a leaner, wiser adviser from his days with the centre parties, and has never lost his boyish and enduring enthusiasm for causes. For now, that cause is Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats and a clear-sighted conviction that the days of the old two-party

Islamic party fights five seats

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE Islamic Party of Britain, which is contesting the general election for the first time and has candidates in five seats, launched its manifesto yesterday. Its central theme is a call for a radical change in the economic system underpinning the Westem world. Beneath the slogan "Satan-

ic Purses" the party calls for an end to private banks and interest charges and the creation instead of a national

credit office to provide public lending facilities. Such a poli-cy, it argues, would result in lower taxation

Launching the manifesto in Bradford yesterday, David Musa Pidcock, the party leader, acknowledged the challenge facing his party. He said: "Somebody has said that trying to change anything in the present system is like David and Goliath. But one is reminded of the opinion polls on that morning. and they were hardly in David's favour. We have the task of lobbing a stone in this particular arena and hoping it strikes the right place."

The party was launched in 1989 and fought its first mainstream political cam-paign in the Bradford North election in 1990. It finished fourth with 3 per cent of the vote; Labour won.

There are about 1.5 million Muslims in the country and the party has selected seats in constituencies where it believes that it can achieve significant support



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Central Office big spenders forced to tighten their belts

THE Conservative party entered the campaign in its deepest financial crisis. Not only has Central Office spent very highly over the past three years, but pressures developing since the 1960s have come to a head.

Since April 1989, the Tories' routine and pre-election activities have cost nearly £50 million, compared with Labour's £24 million and the Liberal Demo-

crats' £5 million. The root cause of Central paigns than in 1987. When Chris Patten be-

came Tory chairman at the end of 1990, he found that the Central Office deficit in the previous two years was £9.4 million. In the two financial years to March 1991, outgoings soared to £31.6 million. The high spending only partly reflect-

payments to Labour. The To-ries therefore need to be cau-Extravagance plus static donations from major tious, while the opposition parties will be able to spend firms have plunged Tory funds deep in crisis. more on their central cam- Michael Pinto-Duschinsky examines the books tral Office's expenses and

> March 1978, the last date for which information was published, the reserves were down to £726,000, while the

excess of spending over income between 1978-9 and 1990-1 was more than £13 million. The present deficit

PARTY EXPENDITURE

is probably about £12-15

To raise enough to cover even a modest election, Cendebts, the party will need to collect at least £30 million in

the coming year.

The combination of a multi-million pound overdraft, the uncertain results of a fighting fund appeal during and after the campaign, the prospect of a sec-ond election if there is an inconclusive result, and the

which has created a list of 20,000 individual sponsors. a distinctly untraditional Labour business plan fund was set up in 1988 with the help of a £500,000 loan from

That included a high value donors initiative that arranged Labour's well publicised £500-a-plate dinners in July 1991 and February 1992, and raised £250,000 through the Co-op Visa credit card plan. The high cost of administering

the Unity Trust Bank.

ing) of £8 million, making this election the costliest in its history.

The Liberal Democrats have recovered well from their financial debacle of 1989, when heavy losses led to severe cuts at headquarters. A recovery of member-ship (to 92,000) has increased income and the party's deficit has been reduced to £250,000. The party has received two-thirds of its election target of £1.5 million, with promises for

Lang rallies his troops

Tories urged to fight for the union

beset by the problem of trans-

lating the 34 per cent support

for independence into votes

Alex Salmond, the party leader, has set a target of 40

per cent of the vote in the

election, which if achieved

would make the SNP the biggest party in Scotland. He said: "The poll shows that the

SNP has succeeded in estab-

lishing a distinctive Scottish

agenda in the first week of the election campaign. We have

doubled our support since the

last election. We will continue

to gain momentum as this

Mr Salmond is trying to persuade the Scottish elector-

ate of the similarity of the

Tory and Labour pro-

grammes and points up the fears over unemployment under both parties. "The stark choice offered to Scot-

land is steadily worsening unemployment with the Tories,

the same unacceptable level of current unemployment

with Labour, and a positive

programme to cut the num-

bers out of work from the

Tonight the nationalists will screen a party political broadcast called Scotland my

Homeland, which will launch their similarly titled anthem

for an independent Scotland.

The five-minute film, with a

summing-up by the actor Sean Connery, will concentrate on Labour's failure to

stop Tory policies being imposed on Scotland over the

past 13 years. It will try to show the SNP as the party

that has retained its idealism.

After the first broadcast featuring Mr Connery, the SNP said that it received 2,000

calls enquiring about its

The Tories remain happy

to see the nationalists scrapping with Labour in the hope

that the SNP will break into

the Labour vote in marginal seats such as Stirling, Ayr and Edinburgh Pentlands.

But it is a risky strategy since

an upsurge in SNP support could topple Mr Lang in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale.

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for SNP candidates.

TORY parliamentary candilland, although they are still dates throughout Scotland will receive a letter from Ian Lang, Scottish secretary, today urging them to champion the cause of the union and attack the twin threat of separation and "the Trojan horse of devolution".

As he leads an assault on Labour's desire for constitutional change, Mr Lang will attack the party's plans for a tax-raising assembly, a theme the Tories plan to develop. The Scottish Tory team is expected to try to crank up its election campaign, which has been criticised for its inability to set the agenda.

Mr Lang's exhortation could not come too soon. The latest opinion poll by Mori for The Sunday Times Scotland yesterday indicated that the Tories' support had windled to 20 per cent, down three points on last week's Mori poll. Labour's support edged up a point, to 43 per cent and the Liberal Democrats fell

two points, to 9 per cent. The Scottish National Party rose three points to 27 per cent, its highest level according to Mori since Jim Sillars, the deputy leader, won the Govan by-election a little over two years ago. Mr Lang and his followers were able to take some comfort from the rise in support for the constitutional status quo, which was up three points to 23 per cent.

The constitutional issue, however, has fallen back as the public's greatest concern. Unemployment appears to be the main concern and one that could help the Tories. According to government fig-ures published last week, for every 100 English people out of work there are 99 Scots people the first time since modern statistics began that the ratio has favoured Scotland.

Mr Lang will tell his sup-porters today: "Unemployment is down by around 100,000 over this parliament. For the first time the Scottish rate is below that for the United Kingdom as a whole. Our stronger, more diverse, economy is weathering the world recession and is ready to thrive on the

However, it is clear that the and lose Perth and Kinross, nationalists are the main and Tayside North to the challenger to Labour in Scot-



Leading light: A west Belfast voter taking John Hume by the arm at the weekend as the SDLP leader made a canvassing tour of the constituency

Unionists decide stance for a hung parliament

By EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ULSTER Unionists are not exactly rubbing their hands together in excited anticipation, but the looming prospect of a hung parliament in which they might hold the balance of power is beginning to focus minds in Ulster.

At the weekend the normally taciturn Jim Molyneaux told the annual meeting of the Ulster Unionist party council: "It is true that persons and parties have great-ness thrust upon them. Such has been the fate of the Ulster Unionist party for the second time in this century.

He added that his party "will not shirk our responsi-bility to the union and the sovereignty of Parliament". Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist party leader with whom he would almost cer-tainly act in concert in any post-electoral negotiations, said on Friday that he is relishing the prospect to advance his cause.

Mr Molyneaux had nine

MPs to Dr Paisley's three in the last Parliament. Separate ly or together they could support either of the main parties as part of a permanent coali-

ATTELAND. tion or temporarily in the runup to another general elect-

ion, perhaps in the new year. Mr Molyneaux appears to have ruled out a coalition arrangement during the lifetime of the next Parliament. Instead, he is offering an informal arrangement whereby he would decide, "in the inter-ests of the United Kingdom in general and of Northern Ireland in particular, whether at any time we should terminate the life of a new

Parliament prematurely".

Some of his colleagues believe an understanding of this kind might evolve into a more permanent deal if a more permanent deal if a government — particularly a Labour government — decided that a second election would not be in its interests.

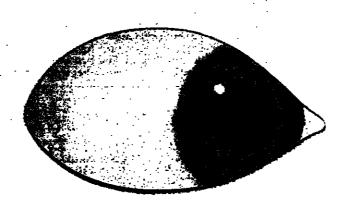
While Unionists have in theory a long shopping list of potential demands, the prac-tice of political co-operation is likely to moderate the price of

their support considerably.
Unionist MPs know that they would risk further alienating themselves from the mainstream of the British electorate if they were seen to have precipitated an unwanted election. At the same time, any government will be aware that reorienting to any degree its agenda on Ireland to suit the Unionists will jeopardise Anglo-Irish relations and threaten the trust built up between the parties by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland

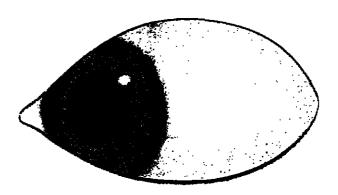
The two Unionist parties launch manifestos this week that are likely to outline in detail the price of their sup-port. The UUP is likely to emphasise to an incoming prime minister that any new arrangements for regional government in the United Kingdom must obtain throughout on the same basis: there could be no question of treating Ulster differently from Wales, Scotland or the

English regions.

Mr Paisley would add a particular emphasis on security (though the UUP might also ask for internment) and might push for some of the ideas he put to the prime minister in January, includ-ing the effective sealing of the border, an increase in army and police numbers, the in troduction of identity cards and the creation of a parttime civilian force as a back-



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Quay debate: Alex Salmond, SNP leader, meets two constituents in Macduff at the weekend

Ben Nevis campaign for campus

Sir Russell Johnston, the former Liberal Democrat MP who is fighting his ninth elec-tion campaign in 28 years, wants to set up a campus in the shadow of Ben Nevis.

It would be linked to a new university at Inverness, capital of his huge constituency. and would offer courses in agriculture, aquaculture and

Six-pack

Six candidates are expected to contest Conwy, the seat defended by Sir Wyn Roberts, minister of state for Wales. Owen Wainwright, aged 51. a hotelier, confirmed yesterday that he is standing as an independent conservative.

Wildlife lobby

The Sussex Wildlife Trust is asking voters to demand a ministry to protect the environment, suspension of the roads programme, "green" farm grants, action on the South-East drought, and more school nature studies.

Sainsbury rival

Tim Sainsbury, Conservative candidate for Hove, is likely to be challenged today by Nigel Furness, aged 42, a landscape gardener, who will hand in nomination papers as candidate for the Official Hove Conservative party.

Nationalist party tests candidates

THE Cornish nationalist party, Mebyon Kernow, is not fielding any candidates in the election but has told its members that there should be a change of

The 300-strong party has sent questionnaires to the candidates standing in the county's five constituencies

to try to find out who would best represent Cornwall's interests. After receiving the responses it will advise its supporters which candidate to vote for.

The party has decided against putting forward its own candidates because of the expense and the unlikelihood of winning a seat. Colin Lawry, a Mebyon Kernow county councillor, said: "Although we will be assessing the individual candidates. most people think politically that it is time for a change from the Tories. Cornwall has the worst unemployment that it has had for years and people think the government

is responsible.
"We will encourage the Cornish people to participate fully in the coming election and to take every opportunty to ensure that the candidates of all parties are made ware of the importance of protecting the Cornish culture, community, economy and envirGood direct mail gets results

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Tatars defy Yeltsin and vote for independence from Russia



Shaimiyev: allayed

THE authorities in Tatarstan, an oil-rich, racially mixed autonomous republic in the heart of Russia, reported a resounding "Yes" vote yesterday in a politically explosive referendum on independence. The result is seen in Moscow as a threat to the unity of the Russian Federation and could portend a serious political crisis for President Yeltsin, who is under pressure from hardliners in Moscow to treat Tatarstan, home of some of the giants of Soviet industry.

with exemplary severity. Preliminary results showed that just over 61 per cent of voters approved, and 37 per cent rejected, the idea of making the homeland of the Tatar people a "sovereign state" which would be "equal partner" in treaties with Russia and other countries. The fig-ures were hailed by the local

Tatarstan's decision to go it alone may prove a catalyst in the desperate fight to prevent Russia from disintegration, Bruce Clark reports from Kazan

leadership as a mandate to negotiate a special status within Russia. Mintimer Shaimiyev, Tatarstan's president, yesterday sought to allay fears that his minirepublic would secede from Russia and said that his first act would be to reaffirm and strengthen its ties with Moscow. "Our first step will be to announce a tighter union with Russia, to strengthen and intensify ties, to create new relations with a reformed Russia," Mr Shaimiyev said. But nationalist activists of

the Tartar community, which

accounts for just under half

the territory's 3.5 million

people, saw the results as a sign that independence was already guaranteed. "From now on, we will be good neighbours with Russia," said Murat Mulyukov, a leading nationalist, using a formula that was often heard in Lithuania when its independence struggle was starting three years ago. President Yeltsin, who in a

much quoted outburst before the referendum urged the people of Tatarstan to "take as much sovereignty as you like", is vulnerable to accusations that he is failing to prevent Russia from following the same disintegration

process that destroyed the detain them on trumped up Soviet Union. Aleksandr Lazovoy, the

deputy chairman of Tatarstan's parliament, said the local leadership would seek a treaty with Russia giving it broad control over the economy which, apart from oil deposits accounting for about five per cent of Russia's output, also include vast aircraft and truck factories. Tatarstan's other demands would include the sole right to levy taxes and full control over the local police and judiciary. Only in certain designated areas, such as external defence, would Moscow continue to exercise any authority in the territory.

Russian politicians who came to monitor the election alleged that there had been widespread fraud and malpractice, including repeated attempts by the local police to

charges and thus prevent them from driving round polling stations. Aleksandr Lukin, a Moscow city councillor, said he believed that the real size of the "No" vote in Kazan had been around 59 per cent and not 51 per cent as the authorities were reporting. However, nationalist politicians countered that it was the Russian visitors who were guilty of malpractice by harassing and intimidating vot-

There was little outward sign of political tension in Kazan, a city of shabby elegance. While Russians attended Lent services, Tatars gathered in the marble Lenin Museum to celebrate the Muslim new year with a display of folk dancing.

ers outside polling stations.

The Tatar referendum comes just as Mr Yeltsin is grappling with the wider



question of keeping not only the Russian Federation together but also the Commonwealth of Independent States. In Kiev yesterday, President Kravchuk of Ukraine said the commongealth was not working because none of its decisions were being carried out.He said the commonwealth, just 100 days old, had failed in both of its original aims - organising a "civi-

lised divorce" between former

Soviet republics and creating a mechanism for solving common problems.

"The leading state of our commonwealth - Russia - is acting autonomously and all the others have to follow along behind, in step." Mr Kravchuk said. "This can never bring a positive result because it suppresses the interests of the other states."

 Yerevan: Armenia swore in recruits to its new national army yesterday, the first concrete sign that it was matching similar moves by its

neighbour, Azerbaijan. The 120 conscripts. Kalashnikov rifles slung across their chests, swore in dividual oaths of allegiance to the Armenian flag and then marched across a parade ground singing patriotic songs of past battles and the war in Nagorno-Kara-

Albanians vote for a new era of recovery

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN ELBASAN, ALBANIA

AFTER an election campaign marred by sporadic violence Albania's 1.8 million voters went to the polls

The loyalties of Europe's poorest people were divided between the ruling Socialists and the opposition Albanian Democratic party. But they were united in the hope that democracy, once securely installed, will bring a new chapter of stability and recovery to

Albania's present economic plight — 70 per cent of people are out of work and severe shortages of food and basic goods - have created a frenzied and often violent climate in the run-up to voting. In the northern town of Shkoder a policeman who had worked for the Sigurimi, the communist regime's state security service, was shot dead on

A bomb exploded at the weekend in the headquarters of the Democratic party in Girokaster in the south, the birth place of the late communist dictator Enver Hoxha. A policeman was also killed in the student quarter of the capital, Tirana.

Albanian television showed pictures of former members of the communist political

vote after being led from her cell to a polling station in Tirana prison. She told election officials in the prison office: "I won't vote as a sign of protest. If my husband were alive he would understand the situation in

elite voting in prison where they are awaiting trial. But Nexhmije Hoxha, the widow

of the dictator who ruled the

country with an iron fist for

41 years, refused to cast her

Albania. He would have democratic reforms without poverty and violence. There was no poverty in our times, or not like this anyway. This is a protest because I am being justly imprisoned. My trial is being delayed."

Both the Socialists who have held the balance of power since last year's elections,

and the opposition Democrats have campaigned on bringing an end to social disorder in the country and promoting foreign investment to restart its dormant industries. The Democrats are confident that they can get an absolute majority but admit that they are unsure of the peasant vote, particularly in outlying areas.

The village of Petresh, high Tirana, has 243 adult residents, most of whom spent yesterday gathered outside the makeshift polling station. Inside, the head of the local council and two peasant women were guarding the ballot box. There were allegations of rigging in last March's elections. This year European Community observers believe that any large-scale manipulation has been

preparation. "The Albanian people are proud and dignified. We like to work the land and produce good crops," said Jaljie Xhelili as he cast his vote. 'Now we are the beggars of Europe. I will never pardon the communists for what they

Tirana night watch, page 14



Back to the future: Nurean Eraslam, a nurse who survived eight days without food and water under the wreckage of a hospital in Erzinean devastated by an earthquake, being cared for in nearby Erzurum yesterday. She said she had come "back to life" after being rescued. Miss Erasian, aged 22, was pulled from the rubble on Saturday in Erzincan in easten Turkey. At least rescue. She had kidney damage and had been 488 people were killed. For eight days, she was operated on for circulation problems in her legs,

unable to move, according to Professor Bulent Alparsian, head of the Ataturk University hospital in Erzurum where she is being treated. Ms Eraslam had suffered life-threatening injuries but her condition improved yesterday, he said. She had apparently been conscious throughout her ordeal, but had suffered memory lapses on

which may have to be amputated. "I am back to life. An earthquake is a terrible thing. I never believed I would be rescued," Miss Eraslan told the Anatolia news agency from her bed in the hospital, where her family gathered and her father said he was "the happiest person in the world". Miss Eraslan had told rescue workers that two of her friends were still alive under the rubble. Rescue efforts have been resumed. (AP)

Bush and Kohl near trade breakthrough

weekend at Camp David, expressed optimism that the April 15 deadline for completing the six-year long negotiations on the General Trade would be met despite the stalemate over European farm subsidies. Herr Kohl said: "I must say I think we have a good chance of an

His visit to America has been seen as a possible last opportunity for settling the disagreement between America and the European Com-

FRENCH voters yesterday She took her turn in a queue Pen, which wants an end to HELMUT Kohl, the Gernumed out in greater numbehind 20 other voters in a immigration from North Afin July. According to a White House spokesman, the two leaders reviewed the thorny negotiations between America and the EC and "agreed to give them their full support with the aim of completing the round as soon as

> On his arrival in Washington on Friday, Herr Kohl played down the suggestion that he had come with specific proposals to break the logjam at the Geneva-based world trade talks. There had been reports in Bonn that he planned to lay out a compromise centred on linking the reduction of European subsidies with an American freeze on the export of livestock fodder to Europe. White House officials said such a compro-mise would be unacceptable.

Turkish troops clash with

FROM ANDREW FINKEL

Kurds

CELEBRATIONS at the weekend in the south-east of Turkey to observe the Kurdish new year turned into a bloody show of force between Turkish troops and crowds loyal to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' party.

Fighting continued yester-day in the streets of Nusaybin where some eight people are reported to have died. This is in addition to the official figure of 30 dead, including two police officers, in Cizre and Sirnak on Saturday. Both those towns were also put under a blanket curlew esterday.

However, the actual death toll may be higher, with demonstrators removing bodies without reporting them. As people prepared to bury their dead yesterday there were

fears of fresh violence. The violence first broke out in Cizre on Saturday after police and gendarmes tried to stop a march of villagers wav-ing workers' party flags and shouting slogans from enter-ing the town. The marchers were trying to join a crowd of townspeople already collected at the local cemetery when troops fired tear gas and smoke bombs and then used live ammunition to chase people off the main highway into side streets. Security forces in Cizre and Nusaybin were clearly afraid of entering into the town proper where the streets were controlled by gunmen whose faces were concealed with scarves.

In Diyarbakir, Unal Erkan the regional governor, accused illegal groups of turn-ing the legitimate right to celebrate Nevruz, the first day of spring, into anything but a holiday. A policeman in Cizre on Saturday likened the efforts of the security forces to those of western European countries to deal with the Bader Meinhof or the Red Brigades. Other confrontations occurred in the small provincial capital of Sirnak. while 200 people are reported to be detained in Van.

German minority loses hope

Moscow: Leaders of about two million ethnic Germans in the former Soviet Union said after a three-day congress here that they had no choice but emigration.

A resolution declared: "The Russian leadership has effectively refused to restore the infringed rights of the [former Sovieti Germans. As a result, the hopes of the IGermanj people for a future on Russian territory have been totally destroyed.

In 1941 ethnic Germans were driven by Stalin from the territory on the Volga which they had inhabited since the 18th century and exiled, mainly to Kazakhstan and Kirghizia. The demise of communism had raised hopes of a return. (Reuter).

Russia pays up Moscow: The Russian government approved a plan to pay up to 25,000 roubles (£147) per person to former political dissidents, who will also receive unspecified "privileges" after submitting applications. (AFP)

Arms seized

Tarragona: Security forces seized a cache of arms and explosives and detained a man in a raid against Basque separatists. Spanish radio said. Last week car bombs killed two people near Barcelona, northeast of here. (Reuter)

Honecker plea

Santiago: Enrique Silva Cimma, the Chilean foreign minister, has said that Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, should leave the Chilean embassy in Moscow to end a standoff between Chile and Germany. (Reuter)

Rioters held

Leipzig: German police detained 67 people after anarchists, many of them masked. hurled rocks and smashed car windows at an antiracism demonstration here. slightly injuring policemen (Reuter)

Electors defy the elements and pundits in French poll FROM DENIS TAYLOR IN PARIS

turned out in greater numbers than pessimists had thought to take part in regional elections, seen as a crucial test for the Socialists who have governed the country for the past decade.

An hour before the polls closed in the provinces, the interior ministry said that 55 per cent of the 35 million registered electors had voted in the regional and local elections. Voting in Paris, where ruled out by more careful polling stations stayed open later, was slower.

The morning weather forecast seemed appropriate for the party in power. It would be wet and squally practically everywhere, except for the cloudy south. Edith Cresson, the prime minister, whose have made of our country." continued tenure of that post is seen as very much in doubt, voted early in Châtellerault.

polling station in a school. Antoine Waechter, the Ecology party leader, sported a green scarf wrapped around his neck to add a touch of colour to rain-swept Mulhouse, in Alsace. Two polling stations in Corsica were briefly closed after bomb threats. A total of 1,890 council

members are due to be elected to the 22 regions of metropolitan France and four overseas departments. There is only one round for the regional elections, but a second round will be held next Sunday for the district

Electors weary of the traditional parties had told opinion pollsters that they rated the Socialists little higher than the extremist National Front, led by Jean-Marie Le

Signora Mussolini woos land of her forefather

immigration from North Africa. Disillusionment with the Socialists' handling of the economy is widespread. As Le Monde put it: "It makes little difference if inflation has been brought under control, the trade deficit reduced, the health of the franc strengthened and, indeed, purchasing power maintained if the French only have eyes for the curve of unemployment." The

figure is close to three million. The government, which faces parliamentary elections next year, has attempted to switch the debate from issues such as the economy to the dangers posed by the Front. This has made sure that M Le Pen has received the highest possible profile, and alarm has been increased by the use of proportional representation in these elections.

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

two days of talks with President Bush yesterday that may have laid the ground for a breakthrough in world trade negotiations.

Both leaders, who spent the Agreement on Tariffs and

munity over European farm subsidies before the economic

may be lost on some of the hardliners who turned out

to see Signora Mussolini at

a campaign meeting on the

Keeping peace amid goats and gunfire

FROM TIM JUDAH IN DALJ, CROATIA

WITH goats grazing in the back courtyard and a Yugoslav armoured personnel carrier guarding the front, Jim Lubin sat back on his bed and said: "My children think I've

Mr Lubin, a former proofreader on The Times and later chief editor of the United Nations Yearbook, has come out of retirement to live in Dalj as the civilian head of one of the four UN peace-

keeping zones in Yugoslavia.
"It was early retirement of course," said Mr Lubin, who will next week spend his 56th birthday in this obscure vil-lage in Serbian-controlled eastern Croatia. "It's the most complex thing I've ever done." Mr Lubin, originally from Burton-on-Trent, has experience working with UN missions in Lebanon and Namibia. "I was on a skiing holiday when they called to

The past week has been an exhausting round of negotiations. Mr Lubin and the other members of this UN reconnaissance mission have been preparing the way for the deployment of hundreds of UN peacekeeping troops whose local headquarters are to be in Dalj, 90 miles northeast of Belgrade. "We spent

Friday night over the front line in Osijek with the Croats thrashing out the exact boundaries of our sector," said Mr Lubin. "While we were talking there were explosions a hundred yards away. I can tell you that both sides have been very co-operative." A colleague muttered: "We've had to scream and shout like

UN committed itself to sending a 14,000-strong peackeeping force to Croatia which is due to be fully deployed by the end of next month. But questions of authority, demilitarisation and the mechanics for the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees remain unresolved. • Belgrade: Parents placed at least 157 babies on the ground outside the office of President Milosevic of Serbia yesterday to protest against the soaring cost of raising children in Serbia. They gave each baby a nappy and a number, and then placed the children on the ground and

stepped back.
When the babies began to cry the organiser. Dubravka Markovic, comforted them. "Don't worry, we won't really give you to Slobo," she said, using the president's nickname. (Reuter).



Stylish campaigner: Alessandra Mussolini is relying on her name to get her elected in Italy

With two weeks to go before the Italian general election. Alessandra Mussolini is confident that her name and the moral support of her aunt will ensure her a seat in parlia-ment, though some hardline neo-Fascists may be disappointed to hear her relative-

ly moderate views.
"People have been in tears wherever I have been, all over Italy," the grand-daughter of Mussolini and candidate for the Italian Social Movement said yesterday at her headquarters in a fashionable Neopolitan hotel. "It has been really very beautiful. I have had so much satisfaction from meeting the people.

"It is a challenge to try and carry this name to parliament after 50 years," she said as her mother Maria Scicolone, a sister of Sophia Loren, hovered protectively nearby. Militants of her neo-Fascist party have pasted up posters with her campaign slogan - "the flame returns" - everywhere along the Bay of Naples. Pamphlets show Signora Mussolini, aged 28, looking fetching in a short brown dress with plunging

She is sure she can take

votes away from the domi-

nant Christian Democrats.

whose local leader. Antonio

Gava, controls a formidable

The name and political aspirations of the Mussolini family are still revered in Naples, writes John Phillips

electoral machine. The cli-

max of her campaign will

Mussolini, her jazz pianist

father. Her hope that Loren might join her campaign

has been dashed but she is

not overly disappointed. "Los Angeles is too far away. But she is very happy I am a candidate. She approves my choice. I have her moral support." Signora Mussolini has taken the neo-Fascist platform of stiffer penalties against the Camorra, the Naples mafia, to young people in discotheques and nightclubs around the bay. However, she does not share the long-standing call

back the death penalty.

"Anarchy reigns in Naples. Crime has become a state within the state. I am in favour of tougher prison sentences but in general I am against the death penalty. It could be used against too many innocent people."

by the movement to bring

Naples seafront yesterday.
Sergio Malocchi, a muscular-looking student,
watched as police cars raced
by with sirens wailing and
said: "In Naples it is always
like this. They are to a reset like this. They go to arrest the assassins and one or two days later they let them out of jail. I want them put up against a wall and shot." Luciano Chilippo, the owner of a small pasta fac-tory in nearby Caserta, said his support for the Mussolini name went back to his father who took part in the 1922 March on Rome.

The movement won two of the 40 seats to the Chamber of Deputies in the Naples-Caserta constituency in the 1987 general elec-tion, polling about 200,000 votes. Party officials have high hopes that Signora Mussolini will give them at least a third seat. She admits her brief career as an actress and one time pin-up may be scant preparation for politics, but hopes her degree in medicine will help her to concentrate on the chaotic state of the Italian health service. "It is clear that I have to learn the

offer me this." trade. I will commit myself scientifically."

Hostilities in Cambodia

Khmer Rouge tightens net as UN builds peace force

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN KOMPONG THOM, CAMBODIA

A KHMER Rouge noose is tightening around this key strategic town in central Cambodia, birthplace of the notorious leader Pol Pot. Despite an official ceasefire, the provincial capital of Kompong Thom is under a kind of loose siege, with fighting only three miles from town. Shells dropped on the outskirts at the weekend, wounding sev-

eral people.

The guerrillas are hitting roads running north and west of the town, population 43,000, and late last week tried to blow up a bridge on its one lifeline, Highway 6, running 100 miles south to Phnom Penh, the capital. "If the Khmer Rouge hold this area, they can control access to northern Cambodia and open the road to the east," said Colonel Chea Khemara. a liaison officer for one of two

By James Pringle

SURROUNDED by children

non-communist factions opposed to the Phnom Penh government. He is attached to a small United Nations

team here. "The Khmer Rouge are trying to take as much land as LÃOS

they can before UN peace keeping forces arrive here." said the provincial governor, Un Ning. The Khmer Rouge wanted infiltration routes into eastern Cambodia, he said.

"When they have land they have people, and they need to control people for the elec-

This is a very strategic area," said an officer of the UN Transitional Authority. "It's the centre of the country and if you control the Kompong Thom area you control access to north, northeastern and eastern Cambodia."

With fighting, and intermittent shelling, going on most nights, residents in Kompong Thom are fright-ened. On several recent evenings, people fled across the river bisecting the town to take shelter in the built-up market area.

They ask when UN troops, whose mandate began on March 15, will deploy here. There is only a six-man moniairborne troops arrived in Phnom Penh last week but are not to be thrown into the fray before acclimatising, or before the present fighting halts. Kompong Thom is the only centre of serious hostil-ities in Cambodia, but the fighting represents the biggest violation of the ceasefire agreed in May last year.

"I spent a sleepless night," said Kim Nath, a school-teacher, after shells exploded around her home on the outskirts. "Everyone is afraid." The shells had apparently been aimed at Un's Ning's provincial headquarters but fell short. A new bunker has been built in the grounds.

Bunkers in Kompong Thom had been demolished following the signing of the Paris peace accords last year. Now they are being redug. UN officials and Phnom Penh-based diplomats do not believe that the Khmer Rouge will try to capture Kompong Thom itself, given that the UN already has a presence

In the past two weeks, however, they have blown up three bridges on Highway 12, leading due north, cutting off access by Phnom Penh government forces to positions around Preah Vihear, on the Thai border. On Highway 6 leading west, the Khmer Rouge have launched attacks around Stung, with the guerrillas controlling parts of the road by night.

The route to Phnom Penh looks vulnerable with Khmer Rouge forces operating south of Kompong Thom, and most vehicular traffic on the road is military. There is little sec-urity on the last 12 miles into town as I found when making the drive. Government forces are non-existent perhaps because most are deployed on the northern and western approaches to Kompong Thom.



Sticky wicket: P. V. Narasimha Rao, India's prime minister, batting in a friendly match between MPs in Delhi. He made no runs in a field ringed by security men

Burma **bolsters** border troops

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

BURMA has reinforced its troops stationed along its border with Bangladesh, deploying artillery on mountains overlooking the tense frontier where thousands of refugees

Bangladesh defence sources said yesterday that ten mechanised battalions were moved last week in the Aramiles from the 170-mile border. Long-range field guns were placed on mountains in the Buchidong and Maung-daw, military strongholds seven miles from the Bangladesh border town of Teknaf. which has given shelter to almost half of the 200,000 Muslim refugees who fled Arakan alleging a systematic reign of terror by the Buddhist Burmese army.

Burma has said that the build-up is to contain Muslim separatist rebels. Bangladesh has responded by alerting its border forces. It opened three more refugee camps at the weekend, making a total of 11. The Bengali language daily, Ittefaq, said yesterday that Burmese soldiers inter-cepted three fishing trawlers carrying Muslim refugees on the Naaf river and arrested about a hundred youths. Another Bengali daily. Ingilab, said the number of refugees arriving daily in Bangladesh had declined suddenly from more than 5,000 to 3,000.

the Khmer Rouge leader, was reflecting on why his brother became the cruel leader he peace accords were signed last October, it was eerie that had when Khmer Rouge

and grandchildren, Saloth Nhep, the brother of Pol Pot, shells exploded in Kompong Thom at the weekend, as if Pol Pot himself was sending a message.
"It's difficult to under-

stand why he became such a monster." said Saloth Nhep, aged 65. "He was always so quiet, so sweet, like a lady. If l ever met him again, I would ask him why he carried out such crueities."

Saloth Nhep bears an un-canny resemblance to Saloth Sar (Pol Pot is a nom de guerre), aged 63, who is now based somewhere in moun-tains along the Thai-Cambodian border, and be still lives in the area where his brother was born and spent his

Brother ponders Pol Pot cruelty

It is 22 years this month since Cambodia was en-guifed in war. Although the this provincial capital should again be under attack by the Khmer Rouge. United Na-tions peace monitors and local officials said the rebels are all over the province, menacing its three access roads and seizing villagers. UN officers believe that

Kompong Thom is important to the Khmer Rouge, not just for strategic reasons. Be-cause this is Pol Pot's home town, it is viewed by the guerrillas with the veneration the Chinese communists once held for Shaoshan, Mao Tsetung's birthplace.

The town is a frightened place, with an 8pm curiew Traffic slows to a trickle before that. The only sound of life comes from the little restaurant next to UN headquarters, where three Australian signallers were playing their Western tapes. There are also three UN majors, an Algerian, a Tunisian and an Indonesian, but the Australians are more visible, a reas-

suring presence, going jog-ging before dusk and giving impromptu English lessons. "Clearly we need a more developed presence at Kom-pong Thom," said Lieuter-ant-General John Sanderson, military commander of the military commander of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia. "Exactly what that will be depends on the outcome of negotiations with the factions, including the Khmer Rouge."

Thailand poll leaves future uncertain

FROM NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

In the first electoral test since the military coup 13 months ago, voters in Thailand's general election yesterday gave no party an overall majority and left the country with an uncertain political future. The nature of the new coalition government and the identity of the

incoming prime minister may not be known for days. Unofficial results last night showed that political parties with close links to the armed forces were neck and neck with those who draw from politics. Some of the smaller parties will have a decisive voice in forming

the new government. The results show how divided the Thai people are on the key question of the election, namely who should run the country - elected politicians or a military answerable to nobody. Opinion polls have disclosed widespread hostility to a non-elected military prime minister, but some of the political parties would accept the appointment. The prime minister does not

results, main parties won seats in the 360-member parliament as follows: Samakkhi Tham (pro) Chart Thai (pro) Palang Dharma (anti) Democrat (anti) Social Action (pro) Others () denotes pro or anti-

military parties have to be an elected MP. General Sunthorn Kongsompong, leader of the junta which overthrew the elected government last

armed forces chief, to be prime minister as no party has won an overall majority. There have been warnings that the appointment could provoke violent reaction. Students and other pro-democracy groups say they are ready to take to the streets in protest. Chamlong Srim-

Suchinda Kraprayoon, the

uang, a retired major-general who is the most respected of the party leaders, said it could cause disturbances on the scale of 20 years ago, when there was lion against army rule.

According to opinion polls, the Thais would prefer to have General Chamlong. a former Bangkok governor, as prime minister. His party won almost all the seats in Bangkok but few Chamlong could play a sig-

nificant role in the forma-

tion of the new government,

The membership of the new senate announced after polling ended increased suspicion of the military leaders, who appointed the senators as they were em-powered to under the constibution. Most of the senators are military and police officers or civil servants and businessmen sympathetic to the armed forces. The senators have enough power in collaboration with a few MPs in the lower house to

military leaders do not like. mong those re-elected A mong those re-elected yesterday were several former cabinet ministers who had their assets seized by the military after being found guilty of corruption. The military leaders cited government corruption as justification for last year's

Pretoria to resume hangings

Johannesburg: Seventeen criminals are to be hanged in South Africa, the justice min-

execution took place in 1989. Werner Krull, a ministry spokesman, said all appeal procedures including clemency pleas to President de Klerk had been exhausted and the executions would be carried out "in due course". There were 310 people on death

He said he had no information on the race of those to be hanged, "but you can safely assume from the composition of people on death row that there are a mixture of races among the 17". In the 1980s, South Africa had one of the highest execution rates in the world. (Reuter)

Actor dies



Santa Barbara: John Ireland, above, the Canadian actor appearing in the film All the King's Men for which he received an Oscar nomination, died of leukaemia at the He was weekend. 78. (Reuter)

Embassy arrests

Buenos Aires: Four men and a woman were arrested in connection with the bombing of the Israeli embassy in which at least 28 people died and more than 220 were injured, the news agency Telam reported. (AP)

Minister fired

Brasilia: President Collor de Mello dismissed Josè Lutzenberger, the environment secretary whose speeches against Amazon destruction delighted conservationists abroad but made him enemies inside

Brazil. (Reuter) Killer father

Sullivan, Missouri: A county commissioner, aged 55, killed his wife, son, daughter and two grandchildren with a 12-gauge shotgun at his home, apparently as they slept, and then shot himself, police said. (Reuter)

China rues failure of space shot

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON

HINA'S space industry was left shame-faced vesterday after the attempted launch of an American-made satellite into orbit left the carrier rocket and its cargo still firmly on

the ground. With officials confident of success, the event was given nationwide television exposure in a live broadcast from the launch site at Xichang, deep in the hills of Sichuan Province, west China. As the countdown reached zero, the Long March 2E rocket was enveloped in red smoke and flames licked its base. But the

rocket did not move. The television commentary fell silent and pictures showed shocked faces in the control room. Eventually, the com-mentator said that there had been "some difficulties" and an official explained that "in scientific endeavours, failure is unavoidable but temporary: we express our regret". Soon afterwards, the broad-

cast was cut short. For several hours afterwards, Chinese television and Xinhua news agency were siient on the incident. The abortive launch represents a setback for the space industry, which has become a focus of national pride, often cited by Peking as proof that science and technology have international reached standards.

IT 1S 6.45 on a brilliant icy morning. The street is lined

with vans selling rolls and

coffee, and the first of 16,000

workers are streaming

through the gates into a vast

jumble of offices and sheds

sloping down to the estuary

opposite New London. This is

General Dynamics' Electric

Boat division, the core of

America's nuclear submarine

industry. On the water's edge is the rust-red shell of the USS

Nebraska, a nearly-finished

Mel Olsson, president of

the local Marine Draftsmen's

Association, says bitterly:

"When they started talking

about the peace dividend.

they certainly didn't take us

into consideration." Electric Boat has been building sub-

marines in Groton since

1924. During the Cold War it

produced 96 nuclear subma-

Trident

Western hopes fade for Libya sanctions

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TUNIS

HOPES that workable sanc- two suspects. It considers the tions can be imposed to per- case on Thursday but a ruling suade Libva to hand over the two men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing faded last night as Arab League foreign ministers pledged solidarity

with Tripoli. Western diplomats believe that if Arab states fail to honour sanctions, they could provide a back door into Libya, which would leave Americe and Britain with few options short of force to win Libva's compliance.

The United Nations Security Council is expected to put sanctions to the vote this week. A draft resolution prepared by Britain, America and France proposes severing air links with Libya, banning arms sales and reducing the numbers of Libyan diplomats abroad.

The 21-member Arab League called for a delay of the vote to allow further mediation, "We hope everyone will restrain themselves and not take hasty measures which could increase tension in our region when it is in dire need of stability," said the league's secretary-general, Esmat Abdel-Maguid. He was speaking in Cairo at a well-attended emergency session called by Libya.

The league wants the sanctions vote delayed at least until the International Court of Justice rules on whether Libya should hand over the

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN GROTON, CONNECTICUT

rines of 15 different classes.

Then the Soviet threat disap-

peared. In January, President

Bush cancelled Sea Wolf, the

next generation of attack sub-

marines, including two of the

\$2 billion (£1.2 billion) craft

already ordered. The conse-

quences for Electric Boat and

this corner of New England

Lay-offs have begun. Cath-

erine Kolnaski, the mayor of

Groton, said that if the yard

had to close, "I just don't

know how Groton would sur-

vive." In New London county,

covering southeastern Con-

necticut, about 27,000 jobs

would be lost out of a total

workforce of 125,000. State-

wide 65 of Electric Boat's 100

biggest suppliers and subcon-

tractors would face probable

closure, threatening another

What is happening in Con-

10.000 jobs.

could be ruinous.

Defence cuts bode ill in Connecticut

is likely to take time and western diolomats suspect a another Libvan delaying

There were signs that the new Arab order resulting from the Gulf war was close to collapse. From moderate Egypt to radical Iraq the west was accused in the state-controlled media and from angry voices on the street of pursuing double standards in its enforcements of United Nations resolutions against Iraq and Libya after years of failing to press those against

"The Gulf war was, for many in the west, a triumph for international law." claimed Hussein Ahmed Amin, a leading commentator in the Cairo daily Al Ahram. "For many Arabs. it was a stark reminder of west-

em double standards." Last week, Dr Abdel Maguid said Arab countries were unlikely to enforce sanctions. Libya was also encouraged by clear statements from Egypt and Syria — the key Arab components in the coalition that ousted Iraqi forces from Kuwait - that they opposed sanctions. Libya presented a draft resolution to the league calling on the security council "to end the crisis through negotiation. mediation and legal

necticut is happening across

America. Defence spending

is projected to fall from \$287

billion last year to between \$218 and \$235 billion by

1995. Huge programmes such as the B-2 Stealth bomb-

er are being abandoned. Pro-

curement projects are being

frozen after the research and

development stage. Tens of thousands of highly-skilled workers are being laid off.

Mr Bush is that key states like

New York, Texas and Califor-

nia are the hardest hit. Cut-

ting defence could, in a close

contest, cost the Republicans the first post-Cold War elec-

tion. Bill Clinton, the Demo-

crats' probable nominee, is

exploiting the president's dis-

comfort, advocating a five-

year peace dividend far

greater than Mr Bush has

proposed while deploying the

What is really awkward for

US sceptical as Scud hunt starts

year, wants General

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE search for Iraq's missing Scud missiles by a 35man United Nations team began vesterday after Baghdad released further information about their weapon stocks. Officials in Washington remained sceptical, however, that Iraq was telling the whole truth.

Having experienced months of half-truths, evaexperienced sions and deception by the Iraqi authorities, the team was being cautious about the prospects of finding and destroying every Scud. But with the threat of renewed military action by the Americans and British, there was some optimism that Baghdad was at last complying. In Washing-

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human consequences of the

● Clinton claim: According

to the magazine US News and

Views, Mr Bush's campaign

managers are investigating

claims that Mr Clinton, the

governor of Arkansas, is link-

ed with a chicken-producing

firm which is polluting the

state with "tons of faeces from

poultry" and has "gone large-

ly unregulated by Clinton's

administration". Mr Clinton

has denied the claims.

Republican curs.

ton, Robert Gates, director of the CIA, cast doubt on Iraqi claims that many missing Scuds were destroyed without UN supervision. "Given their record, we are going to have to look very carefully at what they say and ... do," he said. In a letter last Friday to Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN commission set up to oversee

the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Baghdad said it was willing to disclose its arms programmes and accounted for previously undeclared missiles and chemical warheads. So far the UN teams have destroyed 62 Scud missiles. However, it is known that Iraq obtained more than 800 Scuds from the former Soviet Union, and many are still unaccounted for.

Mr Ekeus described the letter as a change of policy.
Once he felt that UN inspectors knew enough about the weapons programmes he would recommend the easing of UN sanctions against Iraq.

Iraqi proposals for destroying missile production and repair facilities. Previously Iraq had insisted on keeping the plants for civilian use or for making short-range missiles. Diplomatic sources warned that a comprehensive disclosure on all systems was still needed, plus acceptance of long-term

Director robbed of heirlooms

> Adrian Lync, the film director who made the blockbusters Fatal Attraction and 912 Weeks, has lost his family inheritance after a £10.000 raid on his aunt's country home. Burglars stole silverware, china and jewellery from the home of Dorinda Lyne at Horndean, Hamp-

Carlot PEOPLE

Tough guy film star Bob Hoskins has revealed he is to team up with Phil Collins and Danny DeVito in a screen version of The Three Bears. Hoskins, aged 49, Bosun Smee opposite Dustin Hoffman in Steven Spiel-berg's latest film Hook, a film version of Peter Pan. but the new project could be Hoskins's most bizarre to date. "I think I'm playing Auntie Bear," he said,

Anthony Quinn says he visited the trial of reputed mobster John Gotti "because 1 want to make a picture about this drama". He wants to portray former Gambino boss Paul Castellano. Gotti is accused of ordering

Castellano's slaying.

Jack Nicholson, in costume as Jimmy Hoffa, signed autographs and puffed cigarettes while wrapping up a film on the late Teamsters leader.

Ivette Rodriguez couldn'i make it in New York as a Latin. Now the Puerto Rican singer-actress is enthralling audiences at home with a hauntingly precise portrayal

of Edith Piaf

Mr Buchanan, who once served as a White House speech-writer for Mr Nixon. said that the former president had advised him to withdraw to avoid splitting the party. Speaking after his meeting with Mr Nixon, Mr Buchanan said: "I respect his opinion and respect what he had to say." The meeting was good-natured, with Mr Nixon contributing a fiverouble note to Mr Buchan-

an's campaign fund. Later, Mr Buchanan told a

stiffen the president's conservative spine and was foreing him to respond favourably to some positions held dear by the conservative wing of the Republican party. "We're winning one battle after another and that's why

that Mr Buchanan accepted Mr Nixon's advice to focus his campaign now on Bill Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination. Birmingham: George Wallace, Alabama's former segregationist governor, is in intensive care and breathing with the help of a respirator. He was admitted to hospital with pains linked to injuries sustained during an assassination attempt two decades

dent Buchanan ardour FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON IGNORING advice from campaign was helping to

Nixon's advice fails to

Richard Nixon, the former president, Patrick Buchanan vowed at the weekend to stay in the presidential race and continue his fight for the soul of the Republican party in the California primary in

rally in Connecticut that his

we'll keep this rolling." However, it is understood

A lesson from Mr Reagan

John Major is belatedly learning the art of positivity, says Peter Riddell

yesterday why he wants to remain prime minister, and what he wants to do with a fourth Tory term. Maybe it was the weekend opinion polls and the criticism in the Tory press. Maybe it was the presence alongside him at a raily of Conservative candidates of Margaret Thatcher - or Margaret, as Mr Major and Chris Patten somewhat uncomfortably referred to her (as she used to talk about Winston). Whatever the reason, Mr Major gave a sense of direction to the

Tory campaign.
The Tories' difficulties so far in the campaign have had little to do with tactics or presentation — the design of the set at Mr Major's evening performances. Andrew Lloyd Webber's portentous campaign ditty; or whether, in what have become the cliches of the moment, the "dogs of war" are unleashed and the "gloves are taken off. Campaign nuances that obsess the party staffs make very little impact on most voters.

What matter are the strategy and broad campaign themes. All the polling evi-dence shows that 'The Tories have until this voters respond to a party, and a leader, that know where weekend not they are going. Over the weekend ! really given a looked up the campaign passages in Lou Cannon's positive reason absorbing biog-raphy of Ronald Reagan. For all his why they should remain many limitations, Mr Reagan atin office' tracted voters by exuding a sense of

warmth and of optimism, of being positive rather than negative. This was similar to. and in some respect modelled on, Franklin Roosevelr's appeal in the 1930s. Even if times are hard, voters like to believe that politicians have not given up hope, that they have some answer. It was the impression of helplessness that Herbert Hoover gave, as much as what he did or did not do, that made him so vulnerable to Roosevelt in 1932.

Feel-good politics can be vacuous, as was much of Mr Reagan's Morning in America re-election theme of 1984. But self-confidence and direction are vital to electoral success. That is what Mrs Thatcher achieved in 1979, 1983 and 1987, and demonstrated in her rumbustious speech yesterday. It is also what Labour has done so presented itself as ready for government, with a clear programme to take Britain out of recession and to tackle the shortcomings of public services. No matter that there are many contradictions in Labour's proposals, the party has created a momentum which has until now deflected criticism.

By contrast, much of the early Conservative propaganda has been aimed at Labour, at the impact of the latter's tax and spending proposals. These are legitimate questions, but they have been on the Opposition's ground. Comparisons are, of course, at the heart of elections, but the Tories have until this weekend not really given a positive reason why they should remain in office, as op-

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posed to why Labour should be kept out of office.

Senior Tories have treated Lab-our proposals with shocked disour proposals with shocked dis-approval for their alleged irresponsibility rather than rec-ognising their electoral appeal. Ministers have behaved as if they, rather than Labour, were the challengers. Major has at times, as in yesterday's rambling Brian Walden interview, appeared less commanding and prime min-isterial than Neil Kinnock, who seems to have taken lessons from Lord Callaghan on how to convey the aura of office.

Admittedly, the Tories have a hard job defending quite a lot of their own recent record, while all their years in office have constrained their own thinking. The Conservative manifesto is, for instance, not a bad document; there are interesting ideas on widening

> ening ownership. But, with rare exceptions such as reducing official secrecy, there is a stamp of "White-hall approved" throughout. You can tell that all pledges through went Downing Street policy unit and costing by the Treasury. There is the tone of slightly prim respectability of the citizen's charter and all the

Mr Major remedied some of these deficiencies yesterday. Not only did he develop greater aggressiveness against Labour — which he needs to watch since his tendency towards stridency may undermine his personal popularity — but more importantly he attempted to justify a Tory fourth term, to present a more positive view of a Tory Britain in the 1990s. Mr Major talked of building on the record of the past 13 years by widening choice and improving the quality of public

The Tories have not so far secured the advantage they ex-pected on tax, partly because the number of people hard hit by John Smith's proposals may be a relatively small slice of the electorate. terday could have a wider appeal. He talked of the choice between "a country in which it pays to be ambitious, in which it pays to be qualified, in which it pays to be successful, in which it pays to work hard or be self-employed. Or a country in which incentive is abandoned, a hands-in-pocket Britain where you can only go so far before a Labour Chancellor is

If Mr Major can present the Tories as the allies of the upwardly mobile and the ambitious, he could still win back sufficient wavering former supporters. But for all yesterday's activities, the Tories have not yet seriously disturbed Labour's self-confidence

Anne McElvoy on the constant communists lurking in the shadows of Albania's election

here is a newspaper in Tira-na called The Voice of Truth. Tirana's night watch Its editor. Dhimiter Shtembari, can be found in an unheated backroom of the headquarters of the Socialist party of Albania. He personality cult. Indeed he had scuppered initial plans for his is seldom busy and will gladly reof their luxury residences, two count the articles he intends to members of the former politburo include this week. The Truth is an

have been forced by the housing Albanian speciality: the newsshortage to move their families in paper that never appears. The together and share their home printworkers refuse to handle it with former political prisoners: a retribution that could perhaps be and return the articles every week. tried elsewhere in Europe and the It is the last remaining organ of former Soviet Union.

Albanian communism, now that The museum in the dictator's the invitingly titled Sweat of the honour was desanctified last year Peasant has disappeared from when a group of mischievous students used it as a discothèque. news-stands. Mr Shtembari is one of a dwindling but dogged bunch It is now hosting a furniture exhibition. Teams of workers have of Albanians still loyal to the memory of the former dictator been demolishing the old exhibits Enver Hoxha, who ruled for 41 but Hoxha's first car — a Seat in years until his death in 1985. which he drove triumphantly pursuing a brand of Stalinist isolationism that has left his counthrough Tirana in 1944 - has proved impractical to move. try in an economic wilderness and Mr Shtembari shook his head at flailing to cope with the transition

the short-sightedness of his countrymen. "Enver Hoxha was the greatest Albanian of all time," he said. "He was a friend to all Tirana's once omnipotent communists have been relegated to the status of social lepers in the past year. Hoxha's huge statue has been toppled in the capital's main working people and particularly fond of the British proletariat." The Great Leader, he explained, square, leaving only a pair of giant had actually been opposed to the

statue in Skanderberg Square which showed him surrounded by adoring peasants. He told the sculptor to save bronze and leave out the peasants.

Where most of Eastern Europe's diehard communists now modestly insist they were on the road to Utopia when their march was interrupted by Gorbachev's devi-ation or the West's dastardly intervention, Albania's loyal com-munists believe they had estab-lished a godless Eden only to be rudely evicted by the false dawn of democracy. "We had a surplus of vegetables and no queues then. Now we have chaos and poverty," said Mr Shtembari.

Our interpreter, a clever and usually circumspect young woman, could stand no more and exploded that there had been queues for food in Albania as far back as she could ever remember. We were both grateful when we could finally flee the maze of lies.

While the old Communist party is no longer a force in Albanian politics, its influence lives on in the army and sections of the Socialist party. At the latter's pre-election rally, the entire hall swung to its feet and applauded in a steady, deafening rhythm every time the word "socialism" was mentioned. The greatest Albanian who ever

lived would have felt at home. The more progressive Democrats also tend towards cultish adoration of their leader. Sali Berisha, admittedly a man of intelligence and integrity. The new government that he looks likely to lead after yesterday's election has a plethora of unenviable tasks before it. It must restore order to the lawless streets, reconstruct an economy that has ceased to func-tion, and spin a social net against dire poverty out of almost no

The new administration must also find a way of dealing with the past that is purgative of old influences but does not whip up

violent sentiments of revenge. While the Socialists are caught up in the web of the past, sections of the Democrats display a bloodlust that if unchecked could lead to we have the could be a section of the Democrate display a bloodlust that if unchecked could lead to we have the could be a section of the past of the could be a section of the could be a s

more chaos and misery.

It is now high time for the country's president, Ramiz Alia, to go, perhaps with the retiring present of the award for the most blatant turncoat survivor of the

ousted regimes in Eastern Europe. Mr Alia was a puppet president and craven eulogist of Hoxha and succeeded him as leader. Last year he managed a seamless transition to the post of head of state in the emerging democracy. He found it impossible to address his people in any other tone than that of vainglorious hectoring, simply substituting the word "democracy" for "communism" in overblown and often nonsensical speeches. Proud, desperate Albania deserves a better representative than this as it embarks on the

stony road back to Europe. Mr Shtembari, meanwhile, had to rush. After all, he had a nonexistent newspaper to run. "I have changed some of my thinking about communism," he finally admitted, "Next time it might come to Britain before Albania.

Last rites and reparations

Bernard Levin in

California

to open society.

observes the latest excess of a legal

system gone mad

t used to be the fashion, one that may be returning in this election, that newspapers canvassed men and women prominent in fields other than politics, asking how they would vote, and why; it was deemed interesting to know how these apparently uncommitted figures would commit themselves on poll-

ing day. One reply has remained in my mind; it was from Evelyn Waugh, at his dottiest, and he replied (I quote from memory, but f am sure of the gist): "I would think it an impertinence to offer advice to my Sovereign in her choice of government. That is rather like the situation I find myself in now. I am in most generous and comfortable hands

(and beautiful surroundings), but in California, a place which does tend somewhat to distort reality; moreover, my host is seeking election to Congress, which distorts sanity, never mind reality. All things considered, I would be delighted to miss our election campaign entirely, and simultaneously to flee from the even greater lunacies of the American system. A compromise; I shall stay in California, comment on neither election, and come back in time to vote. Until then, if you want a rest from the parties and their nostrums, you may seek sanctuary in this space on Mondays and Thursdays, as of yore. When I want to annoy Califor-

nians, I draw their attention to the fact that in the first edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica California is clearly depicted as an island. When I want to increase the annoyance and widen its scope, I ask why American newspapers are all terrible. They don't, mostly, behave like our beastly tabloids, but even from those they



could learn about layout, headlining, intelligible compression and what a newspaper is. (It is certainly not The Los Angeles Times, which appeared yesterday with a front-page headline reading Moths Threaten to in North-West.)

Desperately short of humour. page after page doing nothing but roll out acres of grey columns, not one tenth of which does one tenth of the readership glance at - this is what lack of competition does for a press. Alas, it is unimaginably rare - perhaps unique - to find a town with more than one serious but sensible paper, and it is unimaginably common to find towns with a paper that is neither serious nor sensible.

But no newspaper, however poor, could miss the story of Clarence Chance and Benny Powell, which for some time convinced me that Lords Lane. Donaldson and Bridge had been visiting the United States at the relevant time and had been shown the courtesy of the American bench by their opposite numbers; what else, I mused, could explain the fact that Mr Chance and Mr Powell, having been fitted up by crooked nolicemen, who were then believed by the judges, had each spent 17 years in jail until somebody right outside the legal system noticed that they were both entirely innocent, and pointed out the

fact to the authorities, who took the point and hastily let them out. Now it is generally agreed that American law is not as other nations' law. For instance, if you think that our libel laws, which invite any crook to dive into the bran-tub and come out smelling of hundreds of thousands of pounds. are a little extravagant, you should see the American system of compensation; a twisted ankle can deliver a quarter of a million smackers, and a leer at a not very respectable woman twice that. But

I think we would have to go very

far indeed to match the story of Patrick Hinrichsen and what hap-pened to him, together with Mr Hinrichsen's mother and sister.

Mr Hinrichsen lived for many years with another man, a Mr Robert Saari: as far as the infor mation goes, it was a most respectable and devoted relationship. In the fullness of time, Mr Saari died, and Mr Hinrichsen arranged for his cremation, with the ashes to be scattered at sea. So far, so good; Mr Hinrichsen was doubtless heartbroken, but he did this last loving duty for his companion. But by some mistake or failure in communications (certainly it seems there was no malice or deliberate disrespect involved), the burial at sea was accompanied by a Christian service. Neither Mr Saari nor Mr Hinrichsen was a Christian, and neither wanted such ministra-

tions at their obsequies.

Whereupon, and thereupon, Mr
Hinrichsen, his mother and sister, sued the burial society for "emotional distress", and collectively collected \$242,500 for the said distress. The defendants took a curious line, they argued that because Mr Saari was not related to Mr Hinrichsen he was not entitled to damages for the dreadful experience of listening to some daft old geezer saying things like "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ."

The court ruled (upheld on appeal) that Mr Hinrichsen's relationship, though it had not been solemnised in a formal and binding marriage (I think you can get such marriages in California, and I have no doubt at all that whoever does the splicing is careful — or now will be — to listen carefully for instructions as to the happy pair's denomination), was close enough for compensation. The defendants fell back on the quantum of damages, holding that a quarter of a million greenbacks, for being told that we brought nothing into this world and it is certain that we can carry nothing out, would be a trifle on the generous side. No dice: chap, mother and sister carved the joint, in what exact proportions history does not reveal, and were left alone with their emotional distress and their money.
"Emotional distress" has pre-

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sumably existed since human beings became fond of each other and were bereaved, dismayed, shocked, pained and sympathised with; the term is a fairly recent one, and its appearance in our courts much more recent. There are those - I am emphatically one of them — who think that to n monetary awards for emotional distress is a shameful and even disgusting practice. Since the human race existed it has suffered and much of that suffering has been through seeing loved ones suffer. But only when greed and the law joined hands was the concept created.

To see a loved one die assuredly gives rise to emotional distress; to watch the burial of a loved one can also cause truly painful feelings. We can argue at leisure as to whether those feelings should be paid for. But to demand - and get - a quarter of a million dollars for seeing a Christian burial over an agnostic testifies to nothing but the depths to which American jurisprudence has fallen.

...and moreover Matthew Parris

t the weekend, Harper-A Collins took out a full page in The Times Saturday Review to advertise a new novel by Robert Ludlum, The Road to Omaha. It was not the book, however, but something else emblazoned across the page that caught my eye: beside a picture of Ludium's earlier novel (The Road to Gandolfo) appeared the publisher's description of his latest offering: "Available in paperback," it said, "grab it now! The sensational prequel.'

Prequel. Ah. Am I entirely sure what a prequel is? I toyed with the idea that it might be a new seasickness pill to be taken a week before embarkation . . . a friend intervened: "Don't you see," she said, "The Road to Gandolfo has been a bestseller. Ludlum has obviously decided to write a follow-up. But instead of writing a sequel . . ." Aha! My laser-like intellect shot ahead of her argument. So

a prequel is a story about what happened before the story you've already read? What a good idea! Much existing literature begins to fall into place. I seem to remember from Sunday school days with my instructress. Miss Silk, that what we called "the Bible" was, for at least the first year of infant learning, only the Gospels. Miss Silk missed her window of promotional opportunity. Instead of offering us new Sunday school stamps to stick into our booklets each time we returned for another week's lesson, she should have waited

until we were seven, then announced to her class: "Now, children, you've read The New Testament. Now comes the sensational prequel, The Old Testament. Grab it now!"

And what about The Old Testament — the prequent How did the Almighty occupy Himself before Genesis? "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth" begs the question. The beginning of the heaven and the earth, by definition, is a tautology. But what

And what went before Robinson Crusoe? This never called for a sequel; but where Defoe does leave us in the air is over Man Friday. Where was he born? What is known of his early family life? How did he come to be putting his footprint there when he did? Man Friday - the prequel is overdue.

Thornton Wilder exploited the idea wonderfully within the covers of a single book in 1927. The Bridge of San Luis Rey is my favourite modern novel. It starts with the denouement ... "On Friday noon, July Twentieth 1714, the finest bridge in all Peru broke and precipitated five travellers into the gulf below." And that really is The Bridge of San Luis Rey — the novel. The rest is the prequel. Wilder traces the life of each traveller, strangers to each other, from birth to

that catastrophic coincidence. They should do the same with Blind Date. I am much more interested in how the contestants have come to be on the thing in the first place than in next week's Saturday Review.

sequent weekend together on the Isle of Man. Or take The Three Little Pigs

Myself, I was always troubled by this curious tale. You will remember that the Pig in the brick house survived, but the Pig in the straw house perished after the Wolf began to huff and to puff and to blow his house down. After a good deal more huffing and putting, the Pig in the wooden house suffered a similar fate. We know where we stand. Two dead pigs, one live one. Two down, one to go. Mild interest, certainly, in a sequel

But what about the prequel? That is what really troubled me as a child. What were the pigs doing in such remarkable houses in the first place? Why did each live alone? Why did one end up in a straw house, while each of the others seems to have chosen such different building materials? How long had they been installed before the Wolf launched his novel form of respiratory assault? Where had he found their addresses? Three pigs in three houses: one wolf in the know: huff, puff, high noon... There is a classical

symmetry here: the elements of the drama are beautifully poised, the scene set for the final act. The Three Little Pigs actually starts at what should be the beginning of the last chapter of the novel.

But what about the preceding chapters? The Three Little Pigs - the prequel. Now that's the novel I shall be looking for in

Eastern approaches

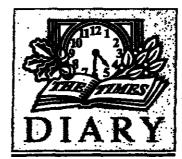
AS CANDIDATES from the ranks of the great and good jostle to succeed Lord Wilson as govemor of Hong Kong the Diary can reveal the name of the man who will be Britain's first representative in the colony after it returns to Chinese control in 1997.

Stephen Day, aged 54, who has been ambassador in Tunisia for the past four years, will become consul general when the Union Jack is taken down for the last time. "The job is unique in diplomatic terms as far as I know," he says.

To prepare Day for his delicate posting, in which he will act under the sway of the British embassy 1,200 miles away in Peking, he will first be appointed senior British trade commissioner in the

colony. Day looks to have the right diplomatic credentials for his challenging job. In Tunis he has been Whitehall's main conduit to Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. whom he meets regularly. When William Waldegrave, then a junior Foreign Office minister, met Arafat in Tunis in 1989 it was Day who suggested that as a gift he should take honey from the embassy beehives, knowing that the PLO chief sweetens his tea with

the stuff. Of his early days as a diplomat he wrote: "My wife and I spent our early years in a mud fort in the Aden protectorate: bits fell off when it rained and the white ants kept us awake as they chomped throughout the rafters. Our first child spent her nights in a sand bag bunker for protection against mortar and rocket attack."



and Canada. In Hong Kong, he will eventually operate from a new British compound now being built. Anyone hoping for a hint-from Day of who will take over from Wilson to become the colony's last governor will be disappointed. He says he has

 Those brass-necked castaways on Desert Island Discs who insist on choosing their own recordings have some competition in the pool of Narcissus. The journal of the Royal Television Society runs a column in which famous people are invited to nominate their favourite programmes. Janet Street-Porter is thrilled at the opportunity to relieve the solitude by watching her own programmes. She has nominated no fewer than three of them. "I'm not embarrassed," she says.

Maggie's man

MRS THATCHER is not the only member of the Tory old guard to have been enlisted by Central Office to beef up its campaign at this critical moment. An enhanced role is predicted for Stephen Sherbourne, Mrs Thatcher's political secretary from 1983 to 1988, when the Tories had no Day is a keen amateur historian trouble winning elections. A sharp who has also served in New York political operator, he has been sec-

onded from the ubiquitous Sir Tim Bell's PR firm for the campaign's duration. Sherbourne has been working

in Downing Street drafting speeches and articles, a role that has left him marginalised from the tactical and strategic decisions being taken in Central Office. While he is not expected to move his base physically to Smith Square, Sherbourne is likely to be given a more central role.

Fortunes of Nigel

NIGEL LAWSON, whose memoirs are due out this autumn, stamped his mark on the publish-ing world yesterday when he opened the 21st London International Book Fair. With great reluctance he met Linda St Clair of the Corrective party during his walkahout

She strode up to him as she was handing out her legendary Complimentary Ticket to Ride. "Don't be shy." she said. "They're all like this when there are cameras around '

Even as a former journalist Lawson admits that writing his memoirs has proved a chore. It was "quite the hardest thing I've ever undertaken," he tells the London International Book Fair Daily. "I had difficulty in starting. It's a much more substantial piece of work than anything I've done

Fax of life

TWO PINTS of lager and a fax is not an order designed to trip off the tongue of the average pubgoer, but regulars at Covent Garden's historic Lamb and Flag are getting used to it. A fax machine has been introduced into the bar. Jeffrey Bernard, speaking to the Diary from his fax-free haunt, the Coach and Horses, before going to

Anybody waiting for a decree nisi?



hospital for a minor operation, said: "A fax in a pub will attract all those yappies with their bloody mobile phones. It's fine for drunken journalists but yuppies should be kept in a back room. Faxing in public is disgusting."

Bradbury's back

MALCOLM BRADBURY, who has become something of a television star in the last few years, has returned to writing and in September will publish his first major novel since 1983.

His publishers, Secker & Warburg, are very excited and Vicki Harris, an editor, says: "It is an excellent novel and it's our great hope for the Booker Prize." Bradbury, a man well placed to pronounce as a former Booker chairman, is a little more modest. 'Oh I haven't thought about that but it is an ambitious book.

"I started writing Dr Criminale when the Berlin Wall came down and it really is about the 1990s," he says. The book is set in Buda-pest, Vienna and Brussels which Bradbury is well placed to evoke. "I've travelled a lot in East Europe and was recently in Budapest for a television programme," he says.

A BAD EXAMPLE

THE SERVANT PROBLEM

The Times concludes its series of editorials on Thatcherism's "forgotten

Public-sector workers are threatening to strike after wage negotiations with the government collapsed acrimoniously. Inflation is at its highest in a generation. The central bank has pushed real interest rates up to record levels, threatening to halt economic growth. And all this in a country whose labour costs are already the highest in the world. The week-end survey by the Institute of German Economy showing that Germany has higher labour costs even than Switzerland deserves to feature on every election platform this week.

Germany has always traded on being a high-wage, high-skills economy. Now productivity is failing to match wage increases. In 1991 wages rose by about 6 per cent and productivity by only 1 per cent, producing a 5 per cent rise in unit labour costs. The same pattern looks likely to continue this year. The implications for German competitiveness are dreadful.

The reason why the IGE survey has lessons for other countries is that it points up the role that government can play in the microeconomy. On hourly wages, Germany is only the sixth highest in the world. But when the legally enforced social costs met by German employers are added to the equation, Germany becomes the world's most expensive country in which to employ people. BASF is talking of losing 10,000 employees, and Mercedes-Benz, 20,000. German employers look enviously at countries such as Britain which are not just cheaper, but more flexible too. No wonder Japanese companies

avoid the country. Many big German companies are talking about siting their next generation of factories abroad. Even former East Germany will soon become unattractive. In the metal industry, for instance, East Germans earn about 70 per cent of West German wages now, but that will rise to 100 per cent in two to three years' time. Engineers from Czechoslovakia are almost as skilled as their German counterparts and earn one-fifteenth of German salaries. Even the British have a reputation for being prepared to work longer hours for lower pay.

Germany's European Commission negotiators would naturally like all other EC countries to have social provision as generous as their own. That would prevent "social dumping", in which other countries undercut Germany on wage costs by offering workers lower social benefits. But "social dumping" is no more than the market at work. Portugal's only hope of narrowing the economic gap with France and Germany once the single market comes in next year is

to trade on its lower costs. The hope is that labour costs in the EC will converge, as they gradually have done over the past 20 years. But that must mean levelling down as well as levelling up if Europe is to compete in the world. Already Jürgen Möllemann, the Free Democrat federal economics minister, has broken Germany's longstanding consensus. He recently called for the minimum wage mechanism to be abolished and for other social costs to be reduced.

What worse time could there be, then, for Labour to advocate that Britain move in precisely the direction from which wise Germans are struggling to escape? Labour's message at the election is that Britain must enter this uncompetitive cul-de-sac as a matter of urgency, beginning with acceding to the Maastricht social chapter.

Economic competitiveness has long moved in historic cycles. Britain has passed through a period of relative postwar decline. But there are signs that the country could emerge from this recession far more robust than rivals at whom it has long looked with envy. The reason is largely the reforms of the Thatcher administration. It cannot do this if saddled with costs imposed by a government that neither knows nor cares about industrial competitiveness in a world market, and which merely treats industry as a feature of the welfare state. Germany has its qualities, but it is the last country whose social policies Britain can afford to imitate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Election priorities for UK scientists From Professor Paul Nurse, FRS,

Sir, The letter from Sir Allen Sheppard and others (March 17) leads us to conclude that in the current political climate the views of certain captains of industry could

hardly be more at odds with our own. As the general election approaches we believe that British scientists should urgently consider the longerterm implications for their research of a change of government.

One of the principal disasters in Britain in the past 12 years has been the draining of optimism from the scientific community, a community that in 1979 still held out hope of maintaining world-class standards of research. Today that hope seems in many cases almost lost for ever. There is evidence all around us of

this lack of spirit. Recent years have seen a dramatic deterioration in the quality and depth of British science, in part the result of the emigration of many of our leading researchers to more favourable climes. This is not simply our collective opinion, but has been borne out by those selecting Nobel laureates over the past 15 years. Between 1974 and 1979, British scientists won six Nobel prizes. In 1980-5 the number dropped to four, and for 1986-91 there was just one British laureate. We have seen a progressive erosion of public investment in research. This government claims an increase in real terms in funding of science base research since 1979. Such claims fail to take into account the fact that the costs of staying at the

general inflation.

Between 1981 and 1991, government funding of the science base fell from 0.35 per cent at the start to 0.28 per cent of GDP at the end of the period. This shortfall has not, contrary to popular opinion, been

frontiers of research rise faster than

balanced by an equivalent increase in industrially funded research and development. Of 14 OECD countries the UK is consequently the only one to show a decline in total investment in civil research as a percentage of GDP from 1981 to 1989.

The spirit of scientific enterprise is not a hardy plant. If it is to flourish once more it requires the same sort of encouragement it enjoyed before 1979. In the interests of Britain's future prosperity we must ask our-selves which of the political parties, on the evidence of past performances and pre-election unterances, is most likely to provide these conditions. In other words, whom can we trust to put scientific enterprise first?

The above reflects our personal views and not necessarily those of the university departments and institutes which we chair and/or in which we continue to strive to carry our research.

Yours faithfully, PAUL NURSE (University of Oxford), ADRIAN BIRD (Edinburgh), COLIN BLAKEMORE (Oxford), DAVID BROWN (London). DAVID COLQUHOUN (London). RICHARD FLAVELL John Lanes Institute, Norwich), PETER GOODFELLOW (Cambridge), DAVID HOPWOOD (John Innes Institute), ALEC JEFFREYS (Leicester), STEVE JONES (London). RICHARD KEYNES (Cambridge) MICHAEL LAND (Sussex). BIRGIT LANE (Dundee) CHRIS MARSHALL (London) DENIS NOBLE (Oxford), MAX PERUTZ (Cambridge), MARTIN RAFF (London). DAVID SHERRATT (Glasgow), ED SOUTHERN (Oxford), MAURICE WILKINS (London) University of Oxford (Microbiology Unit), South Parks Road, Oxford.

heads of academic departments, two

women deans, and women in other key positions, e.g., the director of finance and planning. UCL's progress is in large part due to its pioneering and liberal tradition

and to the efforts of the immediate

past and present provosts. They have

fostered an ethos which tranlates

equal opportunities policy into prac-tice. Do persevere, Oxford!

Committee on Equal Opportunity).

Yours faithfully, LAURA LEPSCHY (Chairman,

(Convener, Academic Women's

HANNAH STEINBERG

nationally (national average 2-3 per 'Invisible' women cent). UCL now also has five women

From Professor Laura Lepschy and Professor Hannah Steinberg Sir, We sympathise with the frustra-tion of Dr Gillian Morriss-Kay (letter, March 18) who, as a member

of Oxford University's year-old Equal Opportunities Committee, points out that the university's barely 4 per cent of professors who are female has recently fallen to an even lower 3.3 per cent following 27 all-male promotions. We are not complacent about the

overall position of women in this college, but we feel that progress is being made. The number of women professors at University College London has risen from four in 1979-80 to 20 in 1991-2 - which is 9 per cent of the total current professoriate of 227, and the highest percentage

Egyptian obelisks

Sir, Mr Michael Davies (letter, March 16) is correct in regard to the Paris obelisk but not about Cleopatra's Needle. This and its partner (now in New York's Central Park) were moved to Alexandria from Heliopolis after the death of the famous queen to stand at the water gate of the Caesareum, a palace commissioned by her in memory of Julius Caesar.

The London obelisk fell some time before 1610, probably due to the theft of its bronze supports by the locals. Although presented to Britain in 1820, it was not transported until 1877, after threats to demolish it by the owner of the land on which it lay. The American obelisk, although still erect, was undermined by the sea

and near to toppling.

The parallel with the rescue of the Elgin marbles is exact. Had the obelisks remained in Egypt they would now be builders' rubble. Yours faithfully, B. D. SKINNER, 212 Muswell Hill Broadway, N10.

and secondly, and perhaps of more relevance, is the fact that the contracts to value the properties were awarded to the surveyors submitting

the most acceptable tenders to the valuation office. I understand that surveyors are being paid between £10.95 per house and 20p per house for each individual valuation. I cannot believe that there is not a relationship between the fee paid and the result achieved.

> Yours faithfully, RAYMOND DURRANT, 195 Marshalswick Lane, St Albans, Hernfordshire.

From Mr Adrian Jack Sir, David Pannick ("Too long on the Bench", March 12) does not deal with the deleterious consequences of reducing the retirement age of judges. There are simply not enough judges, especially for ordinary Queen's Bench actions, because they

The High Court manages to stay abreast of its work only with a mixture of QCs sitting part-time, circuit judges sitting temporarily as High Court judges, and retired High Court judges returning to sit. There is a similar reliance on ad hoc judges in the county and crown courts.

consider reducing the retirement age to 70 will merely increase the numbers of temporary judges. Unlike full High. Court judges, retired judges sit at the invitation of the Lord Chancellor, which can be

and is sometimes withdrawn, with

the possibility of abuse. .

Earlier retirements will lead to earlier appointments, accentuating the trend for the age of judges on appointment to drop from the early 50s to the late 40s. Even if solicitor recruitment is increased, candidates for these positions will come predominantly from high-calibre barristers of 20 to 30 years' call at the peak of their careers. If these advocates are appointed some five years earlier than before, the public will have seriously reduced access to the best legal advice and representation.

The best solution may be to abolish a fixed retirement age but to insist that judges pass regular medical

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. March 16.

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'Hollow victory' of ivory trade ban

From Dr Robin Pellew

Sir. The extended ban on the trade in elephant ivory agreed at the Kyoto conference of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (report, March 11) was a hollow victory for conservation. In reality, this emergency measure is a manifestation of the past failure to effectively manage the species.

Sustainable use should be seen as part of the repertoire of enlightened conservation: trade bans should be the last resort when all else fails. A genuine victory would have been to see sustainable use in effective opera-

The reason why the southern African countries withdrew their proposal for a partial lifting of the. ban was the pressure exerted by nations, not least Britain, that exercise no sovereign rights over the management of elephant popula-tions. In countries like Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa elephant numbers are increasing, and despite the ban on ivory sales they will continue to be culled to maintain the ecological balance of their habitat.

What these countries sought, and have now been denied, was the opportunity to benefit from their enlightened management policies. By resuming a sustainable trade in skins and ivory under rigorous international controls, they could generate the incentives necessary for

effective community-based conservation. The opportunities for such creative conservation have now been frustrated.

As stressed by your report, the CITES conference in Japan has produced little of constructive value to secure the future of the African elephant. A compromise to allow a restricted trade in skins but a continued moratorium on ivory has been lost.

it is possible that the alienation of the southern African countries will lead to their withdrawing from CITES and resuming the ivory trade outside the controls of the international Convention. The inevitable the whole of Africa. The conservation lobby risks scoring an own-goal.

In January, the African states submitted plans to the donor countries for the conservation of their

tries for the conservation of their elephant populations. The total cost was in the region of \$350 million. In the light of Britain's advocacy of a total ban on all elephant products, its pledge of \$1 million towards elephant conservation in Africa is both niggardly and hypocritical.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN PELLEW (Director). World Conservation Monitoring Centre, 219 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

Tellers' role From Mr David Monks

Sir, Judging by my experience of past elections, I suspect that many of your readers may not fully understand the role of the tellers outside polling stations. This has recently been clarified by the Home Office, in conjunction with the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives, in the form of a code of guidance which may be summarised thus:

Tellers have no status so far as electoral law is concerned and are not admitted to the polling station. They must not give the impression they are employed by the returning officer and must concern themselves only with checking who has voted. They must not hand out election material or try to influence the way someone will vote. Furthermore, they should not ask voters whom they intend to vote for or how they have

asking voters for their poll card or electoral number and voters should not be approached until after they have left the polling station. Most importantly they must not in any way impede or obstruct voters nor press voters for any information; voters are not obliged to hand over their poll card or comply with any request. In most cases, tellers remain outside the polling station, but there is no objection to them wearing coloured rosettes in order to make it clear they are party workers and not polling station officials.

I hope that voters will find this guidance of some assistance to them on April 9.

Yours faithfully, DAVID MONKS (Chief Executive, North Warwickshire Borough Council, acting returning officer, North Warwickshire constituency), Old Bank House, Long Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire. March 20.

Their activities are confined to

Interpreting polls

From Sir Claus Moser, FBA

Sir, Everyone knows that the outcome of elections can depend cru-cially on turnout and late shifts of opinion, especially amongst floaters and undecided voters. This is why pollsters have been urged in the past to try to assess (a) intention actually to vote; and (b) likelihood to go in one bood to go in o direction or the other amongst the "don't knows" or "undecideds".

No doubt some of the more sophisticated pollsters are doing this.

Perhaps they are adjusting their results accordingly, perhaps not. Could we be enlightened? Clearly, without some such guidance, it is hard to make much sense of the polls, especially if the percentage gap between the leading parties, or from one day to the next, is close (perhaps even bridged by the sampling error). Yours faithfully,

Moreover, under the Administra-

tion of Justice Act 1970 the courts do

have wide powers to postpone, ad-

journ or suspend possession. The court can avoid making a possession order if it is satisfied that arrears can

be cleared in a "reasonable period".

But how do lenders and the courts

interpret what is a "reasonable period"? Up and down the country consumers are being expected to clear arrears over two or three years

when a loan has been made for over

Isn't it time that lenders and the

courts were prepared to look at

longer periods of time? Shouldn't

CLAUS MOSER, Warden's Lodgings, Wadham College, Oxford. March 20.

Mortgage arrears From the Chairman of the

National Consumer Council Sir, Mark Boléat, Director General

of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, is reported ("Are the lenders lacking in tact?", Life & Times, March 18) as believing that the courts provide protection for consumers with mortgage arrears if lenders act too quickly. The reality is that in all too many county courts people are losing their homes after less than a twominute hearing. This is often the level of "protection" the courts offer.

Mortgage lenders should be required to provide a certificate to the court to show what other steps they have taken to clear arrears. Only if the court is satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken should they even hear the case.

they start by looking at the remaining lifetime of the mortgage? Yours sincerely.

maybe 20 or 25 years.

JUDITH WILCOX, Chairman, National Consumer Council. 20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Yugoslav monarchy From Professor G. V. Tomashevich

Sir, It is not true ("Serbian royals feud over who should be king", March 17), that Crown Prince Alexander does not speak Serbo-Croat, a language in which he is quite conversant, as demonstrated by his lengthy speech before the Serbian Heritage Academy of Canada on March 14, which I attended.

Still less is it true that a few tragic and exceptional departures from the principle of (male) primogeniture in Serbia's millennial and turbulent history constitute a "Serbian tradition of ignoring the normal line of succession" (Prince Vladimir's letter, March 19).

More than ever, the Serbian nation needs to return to the

authenticity and legitimacy of its pre-communist traditions, brutally interrupted by the internationally legalised but never legitimate communist usurpation of power.

The only person fully qualified to restore Serbia's pre-communist, democratic, parliamentary and constitutional monarchy and lead the country forward in a spirit of genu-ine, non-partisan, all-national reconciliation is Crown Prince Alexander, the only son of, and the only legitimate heir to, the late King Peter exiled by Hitler and dethroned by Yours faithfully,

G. V. TOMASHEVICH, Buffaio State University College, Department of Anthropology, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222-1095.

Under-developed? From Mr Michael A. Huxley

Sir, For over ten years I have been using empty film canisters (letters, March 18, 21) as objects during brainstorming exercises within our leadership courses for undergraduate engineering students. The following is a small selection of the alternative uses that have been suggested:

Fishing float, container for "messages in bottles" and for matches or anything else to be kept dry, salt and pepper shakers, pastry cutter, ferrule for table or chair legs, protection for anything sharp, frishee (lid only), insulation (thermal or electrical), dustbin for doll's house, roller, wheel

for toy, whisky measure. Earrings for punks, template for

drawing circles, plant pot for seedlings, send to Blue Peter, use with string to make a child's telephone. glue together to make a desk tidy, mould for jelly or other substances. use for juggling, missile. Muzzle for ferocious harnster, use for

acoustic properties, use in place of balls in a dry swimming pool, home for pet beetle, pinhole camera, bung, use to eavesdrop on conversations in next room, baby's rattle, miniature tom-toms, hang over stakes in the garden to protect the eyes. Does Mrs Harbidge need more?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL A. HUXLEY (Deputy Dean of Engineering), University of Surrey, Department of Civil Engineering, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.

supply-side", the professions, with a look at the civil service. The job of the civil servant is not an issue in this general election, and nothing is likely to give the head of the civil service. Sir Robin Butler, greater pride. The election of a Labour government would, it is true, change nuances. Privatisation of public services would be pursued with less zeal. Contracting out would be on the backburner. A freedom of information act would be introduced and all Sir Robin's ingenuity would be required

transferable technology intact, available to any party of government. This is no mean achievement. Margaret Thatcher and the ethos of the British civil service co-existed in a love-hate relationship, always close to divorce. She tormented civil servants over their obstructionism and over the indexation of their incomes. She cut their numbers, from 566,000 non-industrial civil servants in 1979 to 495,000 in 1990. She

to minimise its effectiveness. But the civil

service has emerged from the 1980s with its

was accused of dividing Whitehall into politicised "believers" and "non-believers". The service bent, but it did not break. A new generation of civil servants rose to the challenge of Thatcherism. Its finest hour was, ironically, after she had gone. At the 1991 Maastricht summit, diplomats and home civil servants smoothly in tandem with their political masters showed what first-class

teamwork could do: mastering a brief and exploiting the corridors of crisis to the admiration of the rest of Europe. The strengths of the British administrative tradition remain what they have been since the 19th-century reforms. Its apolitical character is one. So, more controversially, is the tradition of the generalist, the keeping of other professions with their particular interest on tap rather than on top. Lastly, and

equally controversially, is being added the

dimension of quantifiable efficiency. Michael Heseltine's Minis exercise, designed to identify the objectives of each civil servant, worked in part at environment but did not easily transplant to other departments. However, a concern for objectives helped foster the culture from which grew other tools of civil service reform. The Next Steps programme involved the hiving-off of functions from departments to quasi-independent agencies: passports to a passport agency, benefits to a benefits agency and so on to a total of 74 agencies. Their chief executives can be recruited from outside, as have been 27 of the 54 chosen by open competition. They serve five-year terms, and

reappointment is by no means automatic. Next Steps has been ponderous in its introduction compared with similar exercises in the private sector. Management is still oppressed from above by the Treasury. whose opposition to the loss of control implied by agency status has been fierce. It continues to restrict capital spending and until recently insisted on civil service terms and conditions applying to staff. Hiring and firing in the open market remains an alien

concept to civil servants. Compulsory tendering for services, like agencies, has enabled Whitehall to rid itself of many of the more irksome managerial activities and many of the more corrupt institutions. It has loosened the stranglehold of that monster of public bureaucracies, the Property Services Agency, and may yet do the same for much of the defence ministry. the prisons and the health service.

Narrowing the remit of the higher service is not the same as reforming it. Civil servants continue to feel unloved and underpaid. One of their more exotic exercises has been to attempt to award themselves performancelinked pay. This may have some relevance in

the management grades, but in the higher service is a direct challenge to the professional elite status that civil servants so covet. Only 24 per cent of women and 42 per cent of men receive performance pay, and the sums involved are small.

But more substantive challenges are in the offing. A theme of the recent election campaign has been the citizen's charter, proposed in various forms by all the parties. The principle is that, every time a civil servant deals with a member of the public, the latter should know how to complain if the former's performance falls short. The arrangement to deal with the complaint

must inspire confidence. While line management may feel the pinch of such reform, the higher professionals will doubtless affirm that they are not concerned. The nearest a British senior civil servant gets to an ordinary member of the public is briefing a junior minister. Even if these reforms are followed to fruition, further changes are either likely or desirable. The civil service career structure remains far too inflexible, the distinction between the executive and the administrative functions too sharp and the obsession with age before ability rampant, most notably in the diplomatic service. Success is insufficiently

rewarded and inadequacy goes unpunished. Most astonishing to those who profess a specialism in administration, there is still little movement between the civil service and the world outside. Management, hindered by national pay determination, is too weak, and too paper-bound. Civil servant associations, though mostly moderate, are among the most powerful in the country, com-parable with those representing doctors and lawyers. The formalised career structure linked to early retirement leaves many senior civil servants at the mercy of lobbyists into whose arms they rush on retirement. This remains the greatest corruption in British

public life. Britain lacks a culture in which public administration and management interpenetrate, in the public and private sectors. There is a single-minded obtuseness in the British system, a love of centralism and a loathing of pluralism which derive directly from the inexperience of the higher civil service. The elegant draft and the clever compromise are still rated more highly than pro-active management and problem solving.

There is no grand solution to this, but there are important partial solutions. The civil service should not be a career for life. There ought to be a clear-out from the university entry stream in the early 30s, where most of those who are not going up should go out. Personal contracts for civil servants should replace collective conditions. To attract talent with the right private sector experience, competitive salaries have to be offered, both to the incomers and to insiders. Those who are to run Britain in their 40s and 50s should spend part of their careers in the private sector and apply by open competition

for their promotions. The top civil servant of the future will continue to wetnurse politicians as his or her central activity. But running new slimmed departments, supervising public-sector agencies and regulating the privatised former public sector will call for skills not prevalent within the existing ethos. All professions now have to exist in a world that does not owe them a living, which expects efficient and courteous service, and which will complain loudly or sue if it does not get what it expects. A professional is one who, in the exercise of his or her skills, puts the client first. That must apply above all to public servants.

Achievement Group), University College London, Gower Street, WC1. Aid for Albania

March 19.

From Mr Brian David Skinner From Miss Primrose Peacock Sir, Having recently returned from Albania, I agree with Mr David Grubb (letter, March 16) that the whole population needs aid. How-ever, although trucking out old clothes and other surplus or donated goods from the UK may be an effective short-term stop gap, which keeps

salaried relief agency personnel in employment, it is not a real solution. My Albanian friends at all levels say what they desperately need is skill-aid, technological and academic assistance and vital raw materials for work. They would prefer to help

Such aid can only be supplied in a cost-effective manner by correctly administered government schemes. The first step for Britain would be to re-establish a diplomatic presence in Tigana and to show willing.

Yours sincerely, PRIMROSE PEACOCK Friends of Albania), Peasacre, Thurloxton. Taunton, Somerset.

Council tax valuations From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, Mr Liell, a chartered surveyor (letter, March 13), expresses surprise that up to 50 per cent of batches of council tax valuations put out to tender to private surveyors have been "failed" due to errors.

For my part, also writing as a chartered surveyor, I would not find the failure rate at all high, bearing in mind that, first, the private surveyors are not entitled to inspect the properties internally but must rely upon an inspection carried out from the street in arriving at their valuations:

Too long on the Bench?

have other more pressing duties.

The Lord Chancellor's proposal to

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN JACK.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 21: The Princess Royal. Patron, Scottish Rugby Union. this afternoon attended the Wales versus Scotland International Rugby Match at Cardiff Arms Park, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lioyd-Edwards). The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke

March 22: The Princess Royal President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening amended the Production

Birthdays today

Princess Eugenie of York is two

Professor H.C. Allen, American historian, 75; Mr Norman Bailey, baritone, 59; Sir Roger Bannister. master, Pernbroke College, Oxford, and first man to run sub-four minute mile, 63; Mr Bryan Bass, headmaster, City of London Bass, headmaster, City of London School, 58; Mr Alan Bleasdale, playwright, 46: Mr Barry Cryer, comedian and writer, 57: Mar-shal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, 81; Mr Peter Godfrey, chartered accountant, 68; Ms Lis Howell, director of programmes, Sunrise Television, 41: Lord Jay, 85; Mr Akira Kurosawa, film director, 82: Sir David McNee, former commissioner, the Metropolitan Police, 67; Mr Michael Manser, architect, 63; Mr Alfred Morris. architez, 63; Mr Aired Morns. 64; Mr Michael Nyman, com-poser, 48; Sir Raiph Perring, former Lord Mayor of London, 87; Mr Desmond Pitcher, electrical engineer, 57; Sir Ian Todd. former president, Royal College of Surgeons, 71; Sir Edward Warner, diplomat, 81; Sir Denis Wright, diplomat, 81.

Service dinner

100 (Yeomany) Field Regiment The Officers of 100 (Yeomanry) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) held a Dinner at the Volunteers) head a Dinner at the Packway Mess, Larkhill, on Sat-urday night to commemorate the Regimental Silver Jubilee and to dine out the Sussex Yeomany. The Honorary Colonel, Brigadier P.D. Orchard-Lisle, CBE, TD, DL, MA, and Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel R.L. Styles, RA, spoke.

Hawtreys School

The Governing Body of Hawtreys School announce the appoint-ment of Mr Graham Fenner as Headmaster from September 1992. Mr Fenner is currently Headmaster of Park School, Kent.

King's School, Bruton

Boys' 13+ Scholarship Awards 1992

A. Lowe, KSB Junior School.

Exhibition: A. Haynes, Brockharst.

Art Schoiarship: J. tillingworth-Kay, KSB Junior School.

Art Exhibition: R. Kean, Edinburgh

House. Academic & All Rounder Awards: G. Coghlan, Sandle Manot: P. Davis, Wollborough Hill: J. Packer, Wollborough Hill; N. Price, RSB Junior School; (Ecnya Award) J. Thompson, Banda School, Nairobi.

was in attendance.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 21: The Duke of Kent this afternoon attended the final plenary session of the Environn Foundation Consultation, "Medicine. Culture and the Environ ment", at St George's House, Windsor Castle, Berkshire. Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Latest wills

Mrs Elisabeth Ayrton, of Rockhampton, Avon, writer, left estate valued at £86,824 net.

Mr Samuel Orana, of Chichester, West Sussex, clinical cardiologist, left estate valued at £546,997 net. Mr Gilbert Roy Fletcher, of Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, Shrop-shire, left estate valued at £4,545,501 net. Amy Howeraft, of Chagford, Devou, left estate valued at 1900,512 net.

Other estates include (net, before Mr Alastair Palgarve-Brown, of Marylebone, London E3,049,070.



Mr Randolph Churchill, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, was married on Saturday to Miss Catherine Lancaster at Westerham, Kent. The reception was held at Sir Winston's home, Chartwell

John Habgood

The fallacy behind genetic knowledge

Major scientific or medical projects ought to carry a social and ethical price ticket. Enlightened US Federal authorities commendably recognized this when the six billion dollar Human Genome Project, the 20-year programme to map the entire human genetic structure, was initiated in 1984; they allocated a substantial proportion of the funds to tackling some of the social and ethical dilemmas it will undoubtedly create. Having myself just taken part in a consultation of genetics, religion and ethics in Houston, Texas, I can testify that the need to consider these dilem-mas is beyond dispute. Would that other governments might do likewise.

The fact that 150 leading geneti-cists, theologians, and what the Americans are pleased to call ethicists, were willing to spend a packed weekend teasing out some of the main ethical problems, is evidence of moral seriousness. Everything was on a Texan scale, from the size of the medical centre where the consultation was held to the number of addresses (30 in 48 hours), and evidence of the breathtaking rate of advance in genetics itself. Nigel Hawkes in his article "The Inside Story" (The Times, narch (3) has set out the bare bones of the scientific story. A new range of information about our genetic predispositions, and especially our predispositions to disease, is being made progressively and more easily avail-

able. All I can do here is to highlight

three kinds of ethical problem to

which these new possibilities give rise. First, three linked questions: How much is it desirable to know about our own genes? Should that knowledge be forced upon us? And to whom should it be available? The sting in the first two questions is that diagnosis far outstrips therapy. This means, therefore, that those who are made aware of defects or dangers about which nothing can be done, may simply be burdened with knowledge they do not want. Sometimes, of course, a change of life-style can be beneficial, but

ambivalent. Think, for example, of the stress induced in a family predisposed to schizophrenia by the knowledge that stress has to be avoided. It is noteworthy that the world's most prominent researcher on Huntington's Chorea, who comes from a family in which the disease is endemic, has herself refused to be genetically tested for it.

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The sting in the third question is that publicly available genetic information about an individual could. and already in some instances does. have disastrous implications for job prospects, marital prospects and insurance. Who owns our genetic information? And if it is to be regarded as private, what are the limits of that privacy? Can privacy, in any case, be preserved? There is plenty here to keep ethicists busy.

Second, another cluster of problems concerns the limits of interference. There is widespread agreement that

when a serious physical or mental defect can be ascribed to a specific genetic abnormality, replacement therapy in the cells most affected is ethically acceptable. But what about lesser diseases, or diseases which have not yet manifested themselves but towards which there may be a predisposition?

The changing of human traits to any significant degree by genetic engineering is not yet a serious possibility: and since most traits, other than trivial matters such as eye or hair colour, result from the complex interaction between many genes, con-trolled and predictable change may never be a serious possibility. But the longing to tinker may be hard to resist. The gradual elimination of some of the more serious genetic defects is beginning to raise expectations that, for instance, every baby will be perfect. So what are the implications of wanting to improve, not just oneself, but one's offspring? Pressures on pregnant women in the US to undergo foetal testing are now so strong that those who refuse are made

to feel morally irresponsible. Drawing lines between therapy and "improvement" is not going to be easy. Nor, given the relative simplicity of the techniques now being developed, can protective legislation be adopted and implemented without a strong moral consensus. It was pointed out in the consultation that the enthusiasm generated by staggering technical ingenuity induces a tendency to downplay the risks. Furthermore, even when the risks are identified and safeguards established, there remains plenty of scope for

the word used by one eminent doctor. Third, yet another range of prob-lems touches the nature of our humanness. Genetic knowledge does not make human life any less wonderful or mysterious. It is an old fallacy to suppose that information about the origin of things tells us all we need to know about what they are. Our genes are unique to us as individuals. But they do not constitute our identity; that, I believe, resides in our unique relationship with God.

"offshore" practitioners. Scary was

Nevertheless our genes undergird and shape the *physical* basis of our individuality. To gain some control over them, therefore, is to raise in a specially acute form questions about what constitutes normality, how far it appropriate to value diversity, and how to strike the right balance between transforming nature and respecting its givenness.

The participants at Houston were both excited and cautious. It is a platitude to say that scientific and technical advances can be used for deciding which is which. It needs a meeting of minds and disciplines. I hope, therefore, that the debate in Britain will be as vigorous, wideranging and well-informed as it was last week in the United States.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M-J. Boccard-Schuster and Miss M.P. Grant The engagement is announced between Marc-Jean, youngest son of M and Mme E. Boccard-Schuster, of Montélimar. France, and Michelle, daughter of Mr J. Nuttall, of Wicklow, Ireland, and Mrs J. Nuttall, of Richmond.

Mr N.M. Finegold and Miss V.A. Brown

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Finegold, of Hampstead, and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr Michael Brown. of Brazil, and Mrs Vicki Brown, of The Bordyke, Tonbridge.

Mr A.N. Hogbin and Miss R.F.C. Sergeant The engagement is announced

between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Hogbin, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Rosamond, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Howard Sergeant of

Mr M.E. Horsey and Miss D.L. Watts

The engagement is announced between Mark Edward, son of Mr John Horsey, of Durley. Wiltshire, and Mrs Richard Lytle, of Ringstead, Norfolk, and Deana Louise, elder daughter of Mr Roy Watts, of USA, and Mrs Simon Emanuel, of Farley Green,

Mr C.A. Lee and Miss S.A. Quantick The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Lee, and Sally Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Quantick, of

Mr A.J.J. Phillipson and Miss S.G. Hutchinson The engagement is announced between Aidan, elder son of Dr

and Mrs John Phillipson, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Hutchinson, of

Memorial service

Professor Rolph
Schwarzenberger
A memorial service for Professor
Rolph Schwarzenberger was held
on Saturday at the Radford Road
Church, Learnington Spa. The
Rev Dr Brenda Denvir officiated.
Mr Alan Schwarzenberger, son,
and the Rev Michael Sawyer read
the lessons and Mr Paul

and the Rev Michael Sawyer read the lessons and Mr Paul Schwarzenberger, son, read Night Mail by W.H. Auden. Mr Michael Wardle, Head of the Department of Science Education, Warwick University, Professor Chris Robson, Leeds University and the London Mathematical Society, Professor Margaret Brown, King's College London, and the Mathematical Association, Rory O'Neili and Mrs V. Rutherford gave addresses.

Dinner

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Cornhill Club The Governor of the Bank of England, the Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton, was the guest speaker at the 50th annual dinner of the Cornhill Club held on March 18 Mars March Sether March 18. Mr D. Munro Sutherland, chairman, presided and the event was attended by over 200 senior representatives of the major banks and city financial institutions,

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Letts, of Leicester, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fletcher, of Harpenden,

Hersfordshire. Mr M.A.C. Rabett and Miss N.C.C. Bilborough The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs M.A. Raben, of Depden Hall. Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Bilborough, of White

Lodge, Roydon, Diss, Norfolk,

Mr G.R. Letts and Miss L.J. Fletcher

Mr R.M. Waddington and Miss R.C. Ryland The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Brian Waddington, of Hereford, and Mrs Jutta Marlow, also of Hereford, and Clare, daughter of Professor and Mrs John Ryland, of Mayals, Swansea.

Marriages

Mr R.J. Holliday and Miss R.J. Righy The marriage took place on Saturday at the United Reformed Church, Durham City, of Mr Richard Holliday, son of Sir Frederick and Lady Holliday, of Inglismaldie, Grampian, to Miss Rachel Jayne Rigby, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Rigby, of Durham City. The Rev David Roberts officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Danielle Rigby and Miss Abigail Gregory. Mr David Mezzo was best man. A reception was held at Lumle

Mr R.S. Churchill
and Miss C.Z. Lancaster
The marriage took place on
Saturday, March 21, at St
Mary's. Westerham, of Mr
Randolph S. Churchill, elder son
of Mr and Mrs Winston S.
Churchill, to Miss Catherine Z.
Lancaster, elder daughter of Mr
and Mrs Antony Lancaster. The
Rey Peter Bird officiated. Rev Peter Bird officiated.

There followed a reception at

Anniversaries

speed records, Horley, Surrey, 1921.

DEATHS: Thomas Holcroft, dramatist and novelist, London, 1809; Auguste von Kotzebue. dramatist, murdered, Mann-heim, Germany, 1819; Stendhal, pseudonym of Marie-Henri Beyle, novelist, Paris, 1842; E. W. Hornung, novelist, 1921; Steve Donoghue, champion jockey, London, 1945; Raoul Dufy, painter, Forcalquier, France.

Pooe Paul VI met the archbishon of Canterbury, Dr Ramsey, in the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican - the first meeting in 400 years of the leaders of their respective

Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent will open the new ward block at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, at

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of some of this

century's notable

players; as well

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The days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall make a righteous Branch spring from David's line, a king who will rule wisely, maintaining justice and right in the land.

Jeremiah 23:5 (REB)

BIRTHS

BUGG - On March 17th, to Tony and Tracey, a son, Josnus Samuel.

BURGESS - On March 15th, to Christina unée Wolff) and Mark, a son, Oliver Matthew, a brother to William. a brother to William.

CATHCART - On March
14th. to Anna (née Newall
Watsom) and Nigel, a daughter. Lucy Philippa, a sister
for George and William.

CHARRINGTON - On March
19th. to Sarah. thée Pailliser),
and Richard, a son, brother
for Freeddle.

CAMINES - On March 6th to

GAVINS – On March 6th. to Joanna (née Suzzynski) and Philip, a daughter, Francesca Katharine Hilary. Katharine Hillary.
SZULC - On March 17th, at Central Middlessux Hospital, to Shelagh (née Steogles), and Sielan, a son, Nicholas Antoni, a brother for Natalle, VILLIERS-STUART - On March 16th, to Caroline une Marsh) and Michael, a son, Archie James, a brother for Katharine Amelia.

BIRLEY - On March 20th, peacefully, aged 94 years, Ruth Gladys (née Bradley). Beloved mother of Paracla and adored wife of the late George Birley. She will be much missed by all who know her. 19th, in hospital in London after a long litness, James Byam Shaw, C.B.E., aged 89, husband of Christina. Funeral Service (no flowers) at Christ Church, Eldon

DREWITT - On March 17th 1992 at Brook Hospital, Greenwich, Aged 18, Following an accident, Campbell, will always be lovingly and wibranity remembered by Marie-Josee and 17m, His mother & latter, and equality by his sisters & brother, Zoe, Karthe & François, All who

LUMB - On March 20th 1992. at Budleigh Sellerton, Winifred in her 104th year. Windfred in her 104th year.
Last surviving child of James
and babella Lumb of
Whitehaven. A dear aunt,
great-aunt and friend.
Service at Exeter & Devon
Crematorium. Taursday
March 26th at 2.45m. No
flowers or letters please.

DEATHS LINK - On March 19th. in Braunton, North Devon. Arthur Charles Gwyn, afler a long liness. A beloved and fun loving dad of Judy and Andrew is pow at peoce. Funeral Service at the North Devon Crematorium. Barnstaple. North Devon, on Thursday March 26th at 3.30 pm. Family and friends will be welcome a kittywell.

Thursday March 26th at 3.30 Bh. Farally and friends will be welcome at Kittywell House. Croyde after the service. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research c/o Clarke & Sons Funeral Directors. Braumion. North Devon. let: (0271) 813526.

LOCK - On March 19th in St. Thomas's Hospital following Heart Surgery. Robert Christopher (Robtin) aged 66 years. Very much loved husband of Ruth and (after of Shella. Diana. Marlin. David (decessed) and Adrian. Funeral on Thursday 26th of March at 2.45pm at St Marrys Church. Hampion. No flowers please, but donations in his meruory to: The British Heart Foundalion. W1H 4DH.

Heart Foundation, with 4DH. LOBING - On March 17th 1992. Denny. Dearly loved wife and mother. "Not divided". Enquiries to I.N. Newman Ltd. Funeral Directors, (07222 413136.

Directors, (0722) 413.36.

MELVILLE-ROSS On March
21st at the Victoria Hospital.
Lewes, Marcia, dearly loved
wife of Antony, mother of
Safty and Step-mother of
Tim. Cremation Private.
O'CALLAGHAN - On March
19th 1992, at St George's
Hospital, Toolling, Lawrence
Vincent (Larry) aged 56
years, of Balham, London,
Brother-in-law of Sheelagh,
Uncle of Thomas and SaftyMarie. Great-Uncle of
Victoria, Regulern Mass will
be sald on Monday March Victoria, Regulem Mass will be sald on Monday March 30th at 12 noon in The Church of The Immaculate Conception, Bicester, Oxon. followed by Interment at Botley Cemetery, Oxford. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain. 28 Abingdon Road, Oxford. tel. 108651 242529.

RADCLIFFE-EVANS - On RADCUIFFE-EVANS - On March 16th, peacefully at home, Philip, very dear hisband and friend of Olga and dear father of Mark and Verity and grandfather of Tom. Ceorge and Jack. The privale family funeral has taken place. Donations in his seconds of the control of the taken place. Donations in his seconds of the control of the taken place.

Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 TNT, ROBINSON - On March 20th at Putney Hospital, Lady Isobel, beloned wife of the late Sir Lestie, Funeral service at Putney Vale cre-matorium. SW15, at 12.15pm Friday March 27th. Enouthers for Mears & Mears & O21 874 7698.

SEARLE - On March 20th, peacefully at The Lawns Nursing Home, Kempsey. Elsie Rose, dearly loved and loving wife of the late Goorge Harry, and mother Beryl. Formerly of Metytham and Adelaide House Rest Home. West Malvern, Worts. Cremation private,

TRACE - On March 21st 1992, Rebecta Mary (Becta), of Rectory Farm, Suigrave, Beloved mother of Joanna Uo). Funeral at Suigrave Church on Tuesday, March 24th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations in her memory. If desired, to Kathartne House Hospice, Aynho Road, Adderbury, nr Banbury, Oxon.

Banbury, Oron.

TRINDER - On Sunday March
16th. William Stewart (Bill).
aged 52, Chairman and Chief
Executive of South London
Nursing Homes, after a short
illness borne with great
courage. Much loved
husband of Ruth and father
of Samantha. Funeral
Service al Richmond upon
Thames Parish Church on
Friday March 27th at 11 am.
Family Bowers only.
Donations if desired to the
Lung Unit. Royal Marsden
Hospital. c/o Fredk. W.
Paine pic. 31 Church Street.
Twickenham.

TURNER - On Thursday March 19th 1992, at Highclere, Primrose unte Squire), beloved wife of John Turner and much loved mother of Mrs Sula Ellis, Funeral at Highclere Church.

WEBSTER - On March 20th. suddenly but peacefully in Hospital at Norwich. Joan, aged 78. late of Cambridge and Walmer. Much loved widow of Bryan. Inother of Sue and Richard. Funeral Service at Southwold Methodist Church on Friday March 27th at 12.30pm. Flowers or Donallons to Oxfam may be sent to Fishers Ltd. Fleid Stille Rd. Southwold. Suffolk (Telephone 0502 724 006).

The Honourable Moyra williams of Leyland Farm.
Gawcott. Buckingham.
Funeral service will be at Gawcott Parish Church on Friday 27th March. at 12 moon. Flowers to either Gawcott Church or J & M Humbhris. Ranhurch as M

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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BYRNE - Sandra. My thoughts of you are as constant today, as they were yesterday, and as they will be lopportow.

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IN THE MATTER OF
HUTCHINGS ENGINEERING
DESIGN SOLUTIONS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLUTIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY CHUPN
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Highgate Hill, London N19 SUU,
was druly depointed Liquidator of
the above-manued company.
Dated this 17th day
of March 1992.

MEMORIAL SERVICES RICHARDS - A memorial service will take place at 3pm on Friday 10th April et Lincoin Cathedral to honour the narmory of Resalle Spence Cray (Butterfield). Devoted wife of the late Brig EFO Richards MC DL JP of Lincolphine. No flowers please, donations to: Lives, t/o Mr KC Bush. 21 Stanhope Road. Horncastle. Lines. LN9 8EL.

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of March 1992.

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OF LIQUIDATOR
THE RESOLVENCY RULES 1986
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In the mailer of
Buttingway Construction
Company Limited
High Court No. 8866 of 1991
Notice is hereby given that
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John Street, London ECIA V 414
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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 to accordance with Rule 4.105 of the Insolvency Rules 1980 of the Insolvency Rules 1980 of the Insolvency Rules 1980 notice is hereby given that I. Martin Pearce Ruley of 25 New Street Square. London ECAA SLN, was appointed liquidater of the above company by the crofitors on 13 March 1982.

Notice is hereby given that the crofitors of the above named compony are requitted, on or before 24 April 1982, to send that full Christian and surmanes, their addresses and descriptions, and hall particulare of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Mark Pearce Riley. of Clark Writtehill & Co., 25 New Street Square. London. ECAA, SLN, the Inguidator of the said company, and 8 so required in writing from the said Square. London. ECAA, SLN, the Inguidator of the said company, and 8 so required in writing from the said Square. London. ECAA, SLN, the Inguidator of the said company, and 8 so required in writing from the said Square. London. ECAA, SLN, the Inguidator of the said company, and 8 to their said company, and 8 to the control of the said company.

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purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the stat Act. DATED this 6 day of March 1992 A Cartis. Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986 DECOR DESIGNS (FRAMING) LIMITED On Liquidation) NOTICE IS HEREBY CIEVEN had Terence John Roper F.L.P.A. Dated this 18th March 1992 T.J. Roper, I toutestand ABBID DREDGING
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ACTINAL IS nevery given two the Creditors of the above-named Company are required one or before the 8th day of April 1992 to send in their names and adverse with particular of the analysis of their solicitors of personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Calains at such

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Dated this 16th day
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J MASON, Liquidator.

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that Maurice Raymond
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ECIM 6EN. was appointed Liquidator of the said Countying by a
resolution of the company's members and creditors on 12th Idarch
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Doted this 18th March 1992
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

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tors on 11th March 1992.
Daled this 1998 March 1992
E.W. Sheppard, Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
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The writer is Archbishop of York. LEGAL NOTICES No. Occasé of 1992
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THE COMPANIES ACT 1981
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dated the 24th February 1992
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Share Presid BROOKSBANKS Limited
On Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HERRENY CIVEN.
Pursuant to Rule 11.2(1A) of The
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Liquidator of the above named
company tolends paying a first
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be Register of Companies on 1 5th March 1992.
DATED this Stri day of March 1992.
RUBINSTEIN CALLINGHAM
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NORMALISCOPE LIMITED NOTICE IS HERRENY CIVEN, DERWARD to excise 98 of the launtvency Act 1986, that a hieratop of the Creditors of the above-nemed Company will be held at Northinker Hotel Ullivaster Rd., Penrith, Cambrin CAII SUT on Wednarding the 20th day of March 1992 at 1.00 evide; in the afternoon for the surposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. afternoon for the purposes stem-tioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Compacty's affairs may be obtained from NOS. Limplay of Took, Landon NOS. S. Forman a barron qualified to act as an Invol-vency Practitioner.

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DATED this Tacoday 17th day March 1952. March 1952. / ORDER OF THE BOARD Priesman, Director.

MAN OF DESTINY

APROPRIATE TO THE STREET Auswers from page 18

(a) Napoleon I (1769-1821). He regarded himself as an instrument in the hands of destiny, which is a daft way to look on oneself. Bernard Shaw used the epithet as a title for a play about Napoleon. PERPETUAL PEACE (a) The pence concluded on 24 June, 1502, between England and Scotland whereby Margaret, daughter of Henry VII, was betrothed to James IV of Scotland. But the Scots invaded England 11 years

CONFEDERATION OF THE RHINE (2) The 16 German states which allied the with France in 1806. As was predictable, the confederation did not last for long. It was dissolved in 1813. The Rhine is an old bone of contention.

WAPENTAKE (c) A subdivision of a county similar to a Hundred, found in Yorkshire, and other areas of the Dauelaw. The word is of Scandinavian origin, meaning the grasping of weapons signifying the clash of arms made by an assembly to register. Syng a song of Saxons/in the Wapentake of Rye/Four and twenty cacldormen/Too eacld to die, Anou. BIRTHS: William Smith, geolo-gist, Churchill, Oxon, 1769; Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist, Giessen, Germany. 1854; Juan Gris, painter, pioneer of Cubism. Madrid, 1887; Joan Crawford, film actress, San Anto-nio, Texas, 1908; Donald Camp-bell, holder of land and water

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OBITUARIES

Jack Kelsey, former Wales and Arsenal goalkeeper, died on March 20 aged 62. He was born on November 19, 1929...

A VITALLY important member of the outstanding Welsh team which reached the quarter finals of the 1958 World Cup, Jack Kelsey was possibly the greatest goalkeeper ever to play for Wales. Only the present occupant. Neville Southall, could rival him for that title. Kelsey had wonderful agility when called upon and — as befitted a former blacksmith — he was strong and untroubled by the buffetings which were part of the goalkeeper's lot in those days. But he will be remembered above all for his unspectacular style. based on outstanding positional sense. More often than not, shots seem to go straight at a large, notably safe, pair of hands. That owed little to fortune.

A student of his profession, he developed his goalkeeping as a science, working out the angles with such care that in practice he would lay down ropes from his goal to help him judge his position. He was a professional to his fingertips, even rolling chewing gum into his hands before each game as an aid to safe

handling.

A member of the Arsenal team which won the Football League championship in 1953, his ability was recognised by his selection for Britain against Europe in Belfast in 1955, but he undoubtedly reached his peak in the 1958 World Cup. With the Allchurch and Charles brothers and Cliff Jones in the team, it was a golden age for Welsh soccer, and in particular for South Wales. Kelsey enjoyed an outstanding tournament as Wales ultimately went out to the eventual winners. Brazil (when they were forced to play with-out John Charles), only succumbing

Born in Llansamlet, Kelsey grew up with football at nearby Winch Wen, a village near Swansea, starting as the local team's mascot. By

Yves Rocard, CBE, a con-

tributor to the French

atomic bomb and father of

Michel Rocard, former

French prime minister.

died at his Paris home on

March 16, aged 88. He was born on May 16, 1903.

AN INSATIABLY curious,

eclectic physicist, who carried

out research into such varied fields as acoustics, radio-as-

tronomy, air navigation,

atomic triggers, thermo-dy-

namics and the effect of wind

on high bridges. Yves Rocard was at one time reputed to be

among the most brilliant

French scientists of his gener-

ation, but in later years came

to be regarded as something

of an eccentric on account of

his passionate interest in bio-

magnetism and water

Born into a well-to-do Prot-

estant family at Vannes in

Brittany, Rocard attended

the top Parisian lycée, Louis-

le-Grand, before going on to

the equally elite Ecole

Normale Superieure. His

studies were financed by the

state, his father having been

killed in active service as a

pilot during the first world

After obtaining a double

doctorate in mathematics

and physics, he worked from

1928 to 1938 in the electron-

ics industry. When war broke

out he had a nominal teach-

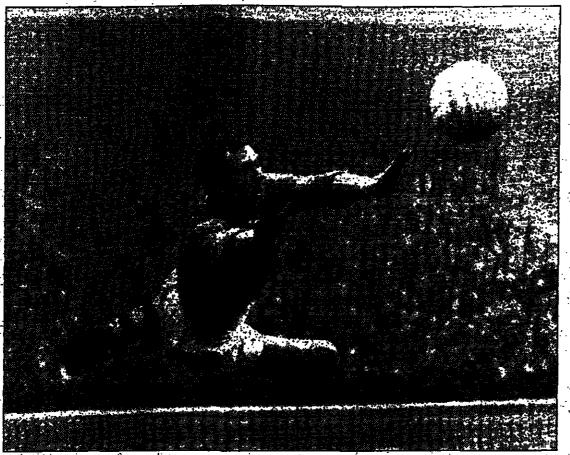
ing post at the Sorbonne, but

soon joined the Resistance,

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YVES ROCARD

JACK KELSEY



the time he was 11 he was a goal-keeper at school, and was travelling to watch Swansea Town play in wartime regional football whenever he could. At 14 he left school. working in the local steelworks, and beginning his football with Winch Wen juniors before doing his nat-

ional service.

After the army he returned to Winch Wen, this time to first team football in the Swansea and District League. The last match of the 1948-49 season, against one of the best local sides, proved the turningpoint. Kelsey played under some-thing of a cloud because a cousin's 21st birthday party should have taken precedence in family eyes. Yet he had the best game of his fledgling career, culminating in two penalty

At the final whistle he was approached by the referee and the taker of the second penalty. Len Morris, a former Arsenal junior. The referee suggested that he should go to Bolton; Morris suggested Arsenal. After initial hesitancy, Kelsey was persuaded to let Morris contact Highbury, and after a series of trials, he signed for Arsenal. His work in the steelworks, and national service, had made him a

powerful figure and he quickly made an impression as understudy to George Swindin. His first team debut came in his second season, 1950-51, but it was not a happy one-Charlton, then at the bottom of the first division, won 5-2 at Highbury. A week later Kelsey conceded another three, against Manchester United, and was returned to the

With Swindin ever-present the following season, Kelsey's career had halted temporarily, but an injury to Swindin allowed him back in the next year, and this time he held his place as Arsenal won the championship from Preston on goal average by the narrowest of margins. It was to be his only medal as Arsenal then suffered a period in the shadows in spite of his enduring excellence.

The 1953-54 season marked his arrival in the first rank of goalkeepers, and he earned the first of his 41 Welsh caps that year against Northern Ireland at Wrexham. He immediately made the position his own. ing both the Alamein Club for playing with calm authority as Allied troops' recreation at Wales embarked on the most fruitful Gezira in Cairo during the spell in their history as the second world war, and for the Manchester United assistant man-expansion of Enham Alaager, Jimmy Murphy, became team mein village centre in Hampmanager to impose some semblance shire after the war. He was of order on a chaotic structure.

Even so, they qualified for the finals for the first time by the back door, winning a ballot for the right to play off against Israel. But, once there, they surpassed expectations. They began inauspiciously enough. drawing with Hungary, Mexico and Sweden in their first round group, but the decisive match, a play-off against Hungary, saw their finest hour, Wales winning 2-1 inspite of hour, Wales winning 2-1 inspite of some brutal tackling by the Hungarians.

The existing establishment, founded in 1917, was greatly expanded after the second

That deprived them of John Charles for the match with Brazil. and it was too much to expect them to progress further. The shots tally was 31 against five, but with Kelsey in breathtaking form, earning praise as the best goalkeeper in the world, Brazil could beat him only once, and that by a deflection.

Kelsey returned to Arsenal, playing three more seasons before he retired, perhaps prematurely, at the end of the 1961-62 season after 327 League games for the club. Fittingly he ended his career wearing his Welsh jersey in Brazil.

A soft spoken, gently humorous man, Kelsey was the epitome of the one-club player. He did not leave Highbury, going onto the club's commercial side and eventually becoming the commercial manager.

FARES BEY SAROFIM

Fares Bey Sarofim, Egyptian former executive of the Alamein Club for Allied Troops in Cairo and longtime friend of Britain, died on February 24, aged 89. He was born on March 3,

FARES Bey Sarofim was largely instrumental in buildthe last surviving Egyptian vice president (1944-1959) of Enham Alamein, where, at that time, the provision of homes, training and work was largely confined to exservicemen and their families. Royal patrons included King George VI, Queen Mary, the Princess Royal, Princess Alice and her hus band, the Earl of Athlone.

world war - much on the initiative of Sarofim Bey - by the gift of a substantial amount of money gathered from an Egyptian appeal committee. The funds raised were also used to help the Alamein Club in Cairo, which had become the sports centre for Allied forces throughout the Middle East.

Sarofim Bey, in assisting to choose the form of this bene-faction, was much influenced by the existing achievements of Enham, and its associated charity Papworth village settlement near Cambridge, linked by the pioneering thought and work of Sir Pendrill Varrier-Jones. He was aided, both in Egypt and England, by his Oxford contemporary and friend. Amin Osman Pasha, then minister

of finance in Egypt.

Fares Sarofim was born into a landed Coptic family. and was educated at Victoria College, Alexandria. He went up to Keble College. Oxford in 1921, where he read law and played cricket and soccer for his college. He was presi-dent of the Cosmopolitan Club in 1923, whose members wished to spread knowledge of their home cultures in England, by such means as

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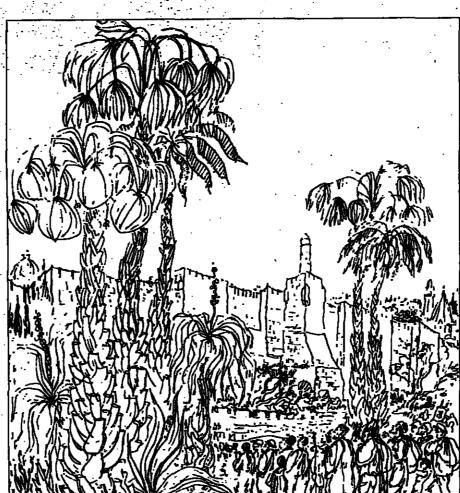
speaking in working men's clubs. After Oxford he pursued his studies in Paris. On return to Egypt he expanded his family estates at Minia by boring wells in the desert on the eastern bank, pioneering methods of crop and animal husbandry, and evolving a system of crop storage and banking facility that aimed at extricating the peasant from debt. He married in 1930 his remarkable and widely loved wife, Blanche, third daughter of Morcos Simaika Pasha, founder of the Coptic Museum in old Cairo, and both in the Sarofim house in Minia, and later in their Cairo apartment, they dispensed a hospi-



tality that is yet remembered by scores of English and other visitors. He brought a cricket team to England in 1951, and was a lifelong member of

the MCC. The increasingly stringent land reform programme of Egypt's revolutionary government of the 1950s removed him from the land he had created and loved, and the progress of the revolution caused him to relinquish his foreign business interests. He refused to leave his country. hoping that his counsel and wide knowledge of men and affairs could influence the revolutionary course, to which he initially was not opposed. But events proved too strong for him. In Cairo, until 1980, he ran the Golden Hotel in Suleiman Pasha Street, where he welcomed young travellers, to whom he was a sage father figure.

YOSSI STERN



A view of Jerusalem by Yossi Stern from his book Homecoming

YOSSI Stern had a colourful

ing to obtain details of a new radio navigational beam station in France, probably intended to guide German night fighters. The British had been planning to para-chute in one of their own officers, but Rocard was able to smuggle out such excellent scientific details that further and so saved from the Stern spent six months

Rocard was appointed CBE in recognition of his wartime services. He was also made Grand Officier of the Legion of Honour and of the Order of Merit by the postwar French government. In 1945 he was appointed

then for British Scientific In-

Rocard first came into con-tact with the British intelli-

gence service in 1943, when R.V. Jones, its head, was try-

telligence in London...

head of the physics department of his old university, the Ecole Normale Superieure, a post which he was to hold until his retirement nearly 30 years later at the age of 70. "What was so wonderful about him," said Hubert Curien, one of his former students and now minister for research and technology, was that he taught us things you could never find in books."

Considered to have made a vital contribution to the dev-elopment of the French atomic bomb in the 1950s. Rocard himself always sought to play down his role, saying that he merely contributed "a few thoughts and a few very theoretical calculations".

The later part of his life was devoted to his research into bio-magnetism and the power of water diviners. This earned him the derision of many of his scientific colleagues, but helped make him a household name in France. His last book on the subject was written just three years ago, when he was 85. He also recently published his memoirs, Memoires sans Concession. Yves Rocard married Renee Favre. Beside their son, Michel, they had a daughter, Claudine.

Yossi Stern, Jerusalem painter and illustrator, died in hospital on March 14 aged 69, after a series of heart attacks. He was born in Hungary.

past even before he began his long career as "the painter of Jerusalem". In 1939 at the age of 16 he left his small village in Hungary as one of the Youth Aliya organisation -youngsters brought to Isra-el as "illegal" immigrants -

tossing about the oceans in a small battered Turkish coal carrier before reaching Palestine. He spent his early years working all over the land: harvesting tobacco crops in the north of the country, pick-ing bananas in the Jordan valley, fishing on the Sea of Galilee, mending roads in Tel Aviv and working on construction jobs in the southern Negev. He then enrolled as a student at the Bezalal academy of the arts in Jerusalem and later at the Royal College of Art in London.

He completed his studies in 1946 and the following year began teaching at Bezalal and enjoyed his first exhibition in Jerusalem. Stern was to teach at Bezalal for the next 35 years and many of his pupils such as Ya'Acov Agam and Dani Karavan are among Israel's leading

During the War of Independence Stern's drawings and sketches of Israeli fighters contributed to creating the image of the cocky, young Sabra Jew battling against the odds to secure a homeland. His reportage cartoons appeared in Israeli magazines and newspapers for many years. Stern's most popular work, exhibited all over the world, is contained in his broad portfolio of water colours depicting the people and places of Jerusalem.

The pictures blend humour and the exotic depicting the scenes of the city and the characters who walk its streets, Jew and Arab, young who asked."

Stern won several prizes and old, religious and secular, westerner and oriental. There were also rarely exhibited erotic paintings done by Stern springing from his homosexuality, about which he maintained a quiet discretion. He was deeply angered

when his relationship with Leonard Bernstein became a public talking point - but, as he pointed out to an interviewer several years ago, "I never hid in a closet nor came out of a closet. Anyone who asked me about my homosexuality would always be told the truth. But there were few

including the Unesco Prize in 1967 and the Herzl Prize for his album People of the Book in 1978. His greatest disappointment was the fact that although his drawings and paintings drew popular praise and were exhibited and sold around the world he never quite gained the acclaim he sought of being a serious artist, for many critics considered his work too facile or over-sentimental. Nevertheless few denied his unofficial title of "the painter of Jerusalem."



mob into attacks on Jews. Eventually Ahlwardt over reached himself; he lost support in the Reichstag and

Semitism was discredited.

ANTI-SEMITISM

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This outbreak of anti-

Semitism in Germany originated about 1879 as a

political struggle between the Jewish supported National Liberals and a coalition of

Conservatives and Roman

Catholics. Later racial

antagonism spread among the lower classes, finding a eader in Herrmann Ahlwardt

whose scandalous

propaganda inflamed the

REICHSTAG Such castigation as Ahlwardt today received in the Imperial Diet is assuredly without precedent in Parliamentary records. Equally unparalleled is the stolid indifference with which the Anti-Semitic leader. standing for three hours in the pillory, listened to the stern condemnation passed upon him by colleagues of every party, even by those whose indulgence he might have been in some measure entitled to look for. Such insensibility cannot be described as shamelessness. It can only pro-

The House had adjourned vesterday to allow Ahlwardt time to produce evidence in support of the charges of corruption he had brought in the course of yesterday's debate against certain members of the Government and Legislature. He had claimed to possess 11 official and original documents of a most compromising character, and he had been challenged to show them. When the House met today he showed some reluctance to come forward, but under some pressure he ascended the tri-

ceed from a partial paralysis of the moral or of the intellectual

friends for safe custody. Un-fortunately, one of his friends was out of town, another was moving, a third had been unable to find them, etc, and all he had been able to lay hands on for the present were eight documents of subordinate importance, which did not represent a tithe of his case. However, as an earnest of his good faith he laid them on the The murmurs with which this statement was received showed that the House was in

no mood to be trilled with, and

on the motion of Count

Ballestrem it decided to sus-pend its sitting for an hour and

to appoint a committee to peruse such documents as

bune and calmly announced that time had failed him to

The papers he had alluded to

weighed 2 cwt, and he had distributed them among his

collect his materials.

1893

Ahlwardt had produced. An hour later the House resumed, and Count Ballestrem read the report of the Select Committee to the effect that not only was there nothing in the documents brought for ward by Ahlwardt that in the least bore upon the charges he had raised, but that he had been unable to give even an outline of the other documents upon which he claimed to base them. In these circumstances the committee could only place on record its opinion that Ahlwardi's conduct was "such as the Imperial Diet had hith-

erto, thank God, never been

called upon to witness." Not a word of apology or explanation had Ahlwardt to offer. Still less was he disposed to the only decent alternative of silence. He maintained his accusations. If others feared the Jews, his voice should never be silenced by the hypocrites who preferred to cover up Germany's sores rather than to lay a bold and saving hand upon the gangrened places. Time after time he reascended to the tribune, and stood forth unabashed by the murmurs of the House, undisturbed by

Nature notes

GREEN woodpeckers are pairing up after living alone all the winter. Both males and females are giving the loud spring laughing call to attract a mate: they then explore nest-holes together. When they attack another woodpecker interested in the hole, it often runs up the tree trunk in spirals with the pursuers behind it.

Wrens are singing higher in the trees, and their song can be heard a quarter of a mile away. Chaffinches are singing regularly, and also making a distinctive call like a stone splashing into water.

The first wheatears are

in Britain, they nest on rocky hillsides, but they stop to feed on migration anywhere in open country.

Wood anemones are coming out alongside dog's mercury: they grow in small clumps of white stars, often with seven petals, streaked with purple beneath. Sweet violet and dog violet often lurk nearby.

Primroses are opening: they are sometimes found among the more stridently yellow patches of lesser celandine in churchyards. In the hedgerows, the small white flowers of cherry-plum are blossoming among leafarriving from tropical Africa: shoots. The half-open leaves



GREEN WOODPECKER

on the horse chestnuts are like small green parachutes; some have already been blown down by the wind.

Church news

the Northern Federation for Training in Ministry, in the diocese of Manchester: to

be Anglican Team Rector, Stantonbury Ecumenical parish

The Rev Margaret Saunders,

Chaplain's Assistant. Aylesbury

Vale Health Authority: 10 be

The Rev Humphrey Southern, Senior Assistant Curate, Walton

Appointments The Right Rev Morris Maddocks: to be Prebend of Bracklesham in Chichester Cathedral

The Rev John Martin, Vicar, Walsall (The Pleck), St John: to be Vicar, Whittington St Giles w. Weeford (Lichfield). Anglican Chaplain (whole-time). Milion Keynes Health Authority The Rev Andrew Mayes, Vicar, Kingstanding St Mark (Birmingham): to be Vicar, Salidean (Chichester). The Rev David Paskins, Rector. Waldron (Chichester): to be Rec-

tor, Bere Ferrers w. Bere Alston (Exeter). The Rev Edward Perry, Vicar, Cornwood: to be Vicar, Ermington and Ugborough The Rev John Ponter, Director, Manchester Christian Institute;

Course: and Education Officer for

Team Ministry (Liverpool): to be Vicar. St John the Evangelist, Hale (Guildford). The Rev Alistair Stewart-Sykes, Assistant Curate, St Andrew and St George, Stevenage (St Albans): to be Assistant Curate, St Cuth-bert, Castle Vale (Birmingham). The Rev John Strong, Curate, Mayfield: to be Curate. Seaford Director, Christian Leadership

(Oxford).

The Rev Simon Tebbutt, non-supendiary Curate, St Matthew's, Northampton: to be nonstipendiary Team Vicar for the developing areas of Duston, Northampton (Peterborough). The Rev Graham Theobald, of Bracknell: to be Curate, Easthampstead (Oxford).

Luncheon

High Sheriff of Greater The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and Mrs Wilson were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday in Wilmslow, Cheshire.
The guests included Judge and
Mrs Blackburn, the Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and Mrs Cairns, the German Consul General and Mrs Kroger and Canon and Mrs Peter

Concordes checked after rudder part lost in flight

By Harvey Elliot, air correspondent

when the crew shut down the

inner left-hand engine, it dis-

appeared and the aircraft was

able to make a normal land-

As the aircraft taxied to the stand, it was noticed that its

upper rudder was missing. It

was thought that the vibra-

tion was caused by this and that there was nothing wrong

Investigators are now try-

ing to find out what caused

the tail plane to disintegrate. It seems that attempts to rem-

edy the cause of two previous

incidents involving almost identical parts of the aircraft

In April 1989, Concorde

AF lost part of its upper rud-

der while flying into Sydney. In January 1991, a Concorde

flying from Heathrow to New York lost a similar piece from

In the first incident, an internal BA investigation in-

dicated that there was a leak along an edge which affected the internal structure and caused it to break off. Follow-

ing the second incident, official air accident investigators

were called in and discovered

that paint stripper which had been used on the rudder had

reacted with the glue holding

the plastic or composite mate-

rials together and caused

them to lose their adhesion.

They recommended a new

type of bonding which they were convinced would pre-

vent such an incident from

It now seems that they were

wrong and that the rudder

has an inherent design fault

which its manufacturers,

British Aerospace, were try-

ing to trace last night.
The rudders are routinely

inspected for signs of the

problem every 500 flying

too long an interval and the

checks are to be introduced

far more often.

happening again.

have been unsuccessful.

its lower rudder.

with any of the engines.

ing on three engines.

by 4ft section of Concorde A BRITISH Airways Concorde lost a 24sq ft section of its rudder while flying at "AB" was ripped away, causing a momentary vibration 1,400 mph and more than which was noticed but not 50,000ft above the Atlantic at identified by the pilots. As the the weekend. The incident is supersonic jet, which was carrying 58 passengers and nine the third involving a Con-corde rudder and led last crew, approached New York, the vibration returned and night to an urgent safety review of all BA Concordes in the crew shut down the outer left-hand engine, which they service. believed could be responsible. The vibration continued but, Each of the seven planes is

being subjected to minute examination before take-off. BA officials said last night that they were considering ordering the replacement of all Concorde rudders.

In the latest incident, a 6ft

Credit cards cloned

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company didn't think it worthwhile obtaining further details which might help ex-

plain how my card was used."

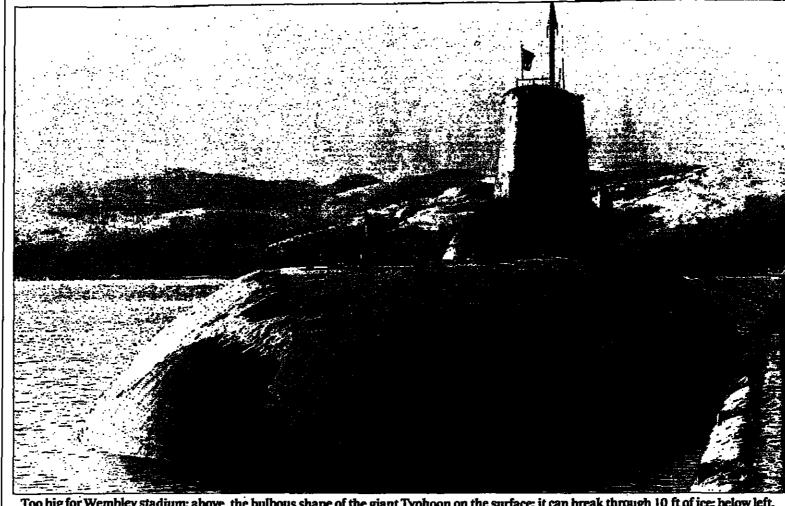
Kate Cooper, a businesswoman from Manchester, was astonished to discover a dozen bills from Los Angeles on her credit card account after she had made a trip to Florida. "I couldn't understand how my card could have been used three thousand miles away on the other side of the country at almost the same time as I was using it myself until I learnt about the fraud," she said.

Chris Tucker of Barclays Bank said that the problem emanated from the Far East where sophisticated equip-ment had been developed to perpetrate the fraud. British businessmen had been regular victims. "We advise ard out or their sight," she aid. "If they are paying a restaurant bill in the Far East, they should even accompany the waiter to the till and take any carbons or spare slips from the transaction.

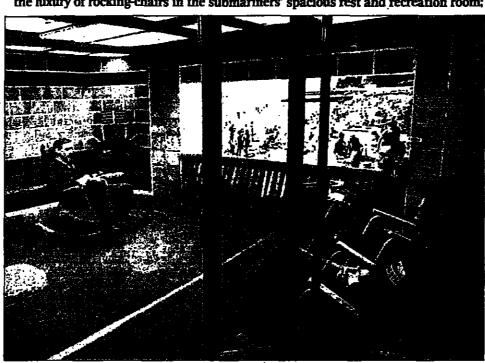
Banks and building societies are working jointly to counter credit card fraud and in Britain earlier this month a ing £5 million was launched.

EC fine expected, page 20

Russian nuclear leviathan's secrets unveiled



Too big for Wembley stadium: above, the bulbous shape of the giant Typhoon on the surface: it can break through 10 ft of ice; below left, the luxury of rocking-chairs in the submariners' spacious rest and recreation room; and a view through a porthole of the engine room



LIFE on board the world's largest submarine, the Russian nuclearpowered, ballistic missile Typhoon, has been revealed for the first time (Michael Evans writes). Pictures taken on one of the six Typhoons by a Russian photographer demon strate the former Soviet navy's con-

viction that "big is beautiful The Typhoon-class submarine warfs the Royal Navy's Trident ballistic missile boats, the first of which, HMS Vanguard, was rolled out to public view earlier this

month. The Typhoon is twice as fat as the Trident and more than 23 yards longer. Captain Richard Sharpe, editor of Jane's Fighting Ships, said: If you picked up a Typhoon submarine and tried to put it into Wembley stadium, it

The rest and recreation room for its crew of 150 is so big there seems court. It has ultra-violet overhead lighting, potted plants and rocking chairs, unheard of in Western

MIDDAY: 1=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=6ult;

brighter spells between showers. Snow on northern hills.

nuclear submarines. By comparison, rest areas on a Polaris or Trident boat are cramped. Tall British submariners, and there are some, walk with a permanent stoop.

The Typhoon's hull is 562ft long. The 80ft width is twice that of any other submarine. Until now, no foreigner has been allowed near a Typhoon, but Russian navy chiefs pride and joy.

Only six of the subs were built, partly because of "operational dis-

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enchantment" with the 26,500-ton giants, according to Captain Sharpe. By comparison, the Trident submarine is 15,000 tons. The first Typhoon was launched at Severodvinsk in September 1980; the last was commissioned in 1989. It is recognisable by the midriff bulge where it joins the main pressure hull It carries 20 SSN20 Sturgeon tween six and nine independently targeted warheads of 100 kilotons, with a range of 4,500 miles.

Thatcher lifts the Tories' morale

Continued from page 1 ing him sedatives in his tea' and said that no party worldwide could put such a talented due on the platform. Candidates leaving the meeting said they had a much dearer idea of the message they were to take to the nation's doorsteps.

Mrs Thatcher told them that the party "could not have chosen better" in picking Mr Major as her successor. During her speech she turned to him and said: "Your leadership is proven. It will be our most earnest endeavour to win that further period in office that we believe you need and we believe our country

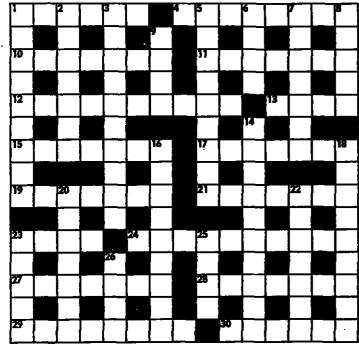
The former prime minister issued a warning that 13 years of achievement stood to be destroyed by a Labour victory, and said that Labour had not changed its spots. only its suits, and scoffed at a hung parliament or coalition government, saying that it would "hang the future of the country" with weak decision-

making.
Mr Major, speaking with growing force and conviction. this time mixed his assault on Labour's tax policies with a personal credo outlining a wealth-spreading Britain. He also delivered an angry attack on Labour for running down the national health service. calling them "human parasites who swoop on human error and personal tragedy and can scarce disguise their relish as they do", knowing the millions of things which went right every day but boasting of the few that did

Neil Kinnock will this morning take Labour's press conference in Birmingham. presenting a manifesto for reviving manufacturing industry and bringing Britain out of recession. Labour sources say that Mr Major's decision to drop his carefully planned policy of staying above the fray, particularly his decision to attack Mr Smith, has left him looking like a leader of the opposition and Mr Kinnock looking prime ministerial.

Labour sources also voiced delight at the timing of Mrs Thatcher's entry into the election battle, saying that it looked as though she was needed to add backbone to a faltering Tory campaign. Labour canvassers are reporting that the arrival of com-munity charge bills is helping their cause by reviving grievances over the poll tax.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,879



ACROSS
1 Names a mutinous sailor (6).

- 4 Switch positions occasionally (3,3,2).
- 10 Put out, not for the first time, about a matter of contention (7).

 11 Attract a number to a Mediterranean island (7)
- 12 Broadcast in favour of new medical treatment (10). 13 One among the pirates meeting
- in Penzance? No (4). 15 He'll raise a point with a man of
- the cloth (7). 17 The little beast's allowed outside
- 19 A unit inordinately wrapped up
- in design (7).
 21 One struggling to hold Her Majesty's dog (7).
- 23 Ready and willing to make complaint (4).

中 PARKER 鱼 DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,878 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

24 The chef's whiskers! (3-7). Infuriated a retired worker, being so hard (7).

28 She always gets a high score (7). 29 Fancy table for 7 (8). 30 Puff at this point, but hold on (6).

1 Quarrel a lot? Rubbish! (5-4). 2 Fat and foolish, said Poe (7).

3 The vindication for 1 ac and the 5 One may produce notes on the French bean (9).

6 Cars negotiating bends (4). 7 29 gloomy — in a state? No, quite the opposite (7). 8 Note in winning it's all relative

9 The enchanting creature is through with one (4).

14 Turning pale, proved to have had too much to drink (10). 16 Rogues who engage in smug-gling valuable stones (9).

18 A bird that changes its modula-

20 Mean to get a beverage and be blowed! (7). 22 To repeat the little Italian made a meal without hesitation (7).

23 Though drab, the colour is 25 Broken sculpture (4). 26 Highly improbable! (4).

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AND REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE

By Philip Howard HISTORICALS MAN OF DESTINY

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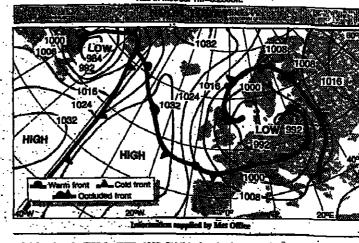
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

MAN OF THE WEEK

P&O's man of war fires a salvo

ast Tuesday 40 of Britain's leading businessmen wrote to the editor of The Times, supporting the return of a Conservative government. Conspicuthe name Sterling. Had the hitherto un-

questionable loyalty of the P&O chairman died with the departure of Mrs Thatcher, bestower of first knighthood and then peerage? Or was he sulking in the wake of Peter Lilley's recent rejection of his plan to merge P&O European Ferries with Sealink? Were Tory party coffers about to be short of £100,000 a year?

The speculation lasted all of 24 hours, before being laid to rest in typical style, with a leader page broadside in the Daily Mail, "How Labour would sink Britain's prospects". Lord Sterling was back on course. much doubt. At 57, he is



Sterling: broadside

enjoying the third decade of a business career that has brought him wealth, power and, latterly, influence. But success has exacted a heavy cost to his public profile. This, after all, is the ma who took on and beat the seamen's union less than year after the Zeebrugge disaster and who provokes public ire by ordering a new liner from a German shipyard.

nevitably it is sug-gested that he supplies the brute force while Bruce MacPhail, his long-time business associate and P&O's managing director, sup-plies the intellect. Fair or not — and colleagues say he is as meticulous with the detail as he is handy with the broad brush the duo's effectiveness will be judged again to-morrow when P&O is expected to report profits of £200 million or so.

His most urgent chall-enge is to unwind Pall Mall Properties, the joint venture that took over Laing Properties in 1990, when a listening device was discovered in the Laing boardroom. All sides denied knowledge of it. As one associate said: "It couldn't be Jeffrey. Now, if they'd found a talking device . . .

Reporting this

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7007 (-0.0105) German mark 2.8619 (+0.0076) Exchange index 89.8 (+0.1) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 1916.5 (-19.3) FT-SE 100 2456.6 (-19.4) **New York Dow Jones** 3276.39 (+40.48) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 20185.09 (-270.97)

Analysts believe Kinnock has a gilt-edged chance

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY

A SURVEY of leading gilt-edged analysis conducted by The Times showed a substantial majority now personally expect a Labour victory. Most, however, felt the giftedged market as a whole was still counting
on John Major's return to Downing Street
Most analysts believe that Labour would
have to raise interest rates intrinsicially
after winning an election, but few expect
more than a half point rise in base rates.

The survey last week was based on the

The survey last week was based on the panel of 17 analysts who contribute regularly to The Times gill column They represent most of the leading gill edged

market makers. Ten out of 17 said they quickly to 10 per cent. Virtually all the analysts predicted even higher interest di most believed this would emerge from a hung parliament. But asked what they thought the rest of the market expected. 14 said the City still anticipated a Tory

Life analysis generally thought that Labour would have to raise interest rates if it won a clear victory. Only three out of 17 thought base rates would stay at 10.5 per cent if Labour won. Seven predicted 11 per cent base rates, four thought 11.5 per cent, and three 12 per cent.

By contrast, none of the panel thought interest rates would rise after a clear Tory victory and four said base rates would fall

rates in a hung parliament than after a

clear Labour victory. After the initial shock of a Labour victory, however, the prospects for interest rates appeared better. All but one analyst predicted that base rates would be at or below 10.5 per cent a year after the election, even if Labour won. But a substantial number said that a Tory chancellor would be able to cut interest rates somewhat faster than Labour, enjoying an interest rate advantage of about half a percentage point.

By the end of 1994, 14 analysts expected a difference of half a point or less between the base rates under Tories and Labour. The panel showed broadly similar prospects for long-term interest rates. Every analyst thought ten-year gilt yields would rise under Labour, but ten believed the increase would be half a point or less.

The Times survey also showed widespread scepticism about Labour's tax and spending plans, with 76 per cent of the panel saying that public spending under Labour would end up "substantially higher," by 1996 than the plans announced by John Smith and other shadow ministers in the election campaign. The analysts also gave broad support to Norman Lamont's prediction that Labour would increase taxes beyond the levels announced by John

Smith last week. By 1996, income tax would be substantially higher than Mr Smith's plans, said 59 per cent of the analysts, while 70 per cent thought the general tax burden would rise substantially further under Labour.

On public borrowing, none of the analysts believed either party would achieve the sharp reduction in long-term borrowing projected by the Treasury in Mr Lamont's budget. However, 11 thought the Tories would manage to reduce public borrowing, excluding privatisation pro-ceeds, to 3 per cent of gross domestic product by 1996, as agreed at Maastricht.

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Polls fuel

fears of

rate rise

By COLIN NARBROUGH RCONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives' poor

showing in the latest opinion

polls is likely to fuel fears in the financial markets that the next base rate move will be up.

O&Y moves to reschedule its £5bn of debt

OLYMPIA & York, the for additional resources to be made available in Toronto Canadian property group and London. that has invested over C\$3 O&Y has already retired billion in the Canary C\$420 million of its commer-Wharf office complex in

London's Docklands, is

this week to reassure fi-

Executives of the group in

London and Toronto spent

yesterday working on a state-

ment, which is expected to

confirm that the group has

reached agreement in princi-

ple with its banks for new

facilities that will enable it to stabilise its troubled C\$800

million commercial paper

programme. The company is

first step towards an entire refinancing of the group's

debts, estimated at over C\$10

billion (£5 billion). Paul

Reichmann, one of the three

brothers who own the private

A RISE in western Germa-

ny's average labour costs to

DM40.48 an hour has raised

new doubts over the country's

The Institute of German Economy (IW), in Cologne, finds in its latest study that

Germany still leads the world

in labour costs, beating Swit-

zerland by DM 1.65 per hour.

Switzerland led between 1986 and 1988 but the strength of the mark plus

Germany's high social costs

Industry, the Bonn govern-

ment and the Bundesbank

have warned unions that ex-

cessive pay demands threaten

price stability and the na-

tion's scope for absorbing the

economic shock of unifica-

tion. Wage demands well in

excess of annual inflation, currently at 4.3 per cent, have

been a key factor behind the

Bundesbank's tight monetary

policy, which has kept inter-

est rates high across Europe. In the European Commu-

nity, Portugal was found to

have the lowest wage costs at

The industry-funded insti-

tute put the hourly wage in Germany at only DM21.73,

DM7.88 an hour.

tipped the balance.

investment viability.

state of its finances.

cial paper programme and plans to use the new facilities expected to move quickly to retire the remaining balance of the Exchange Tower nancial markets about the commercial paper programme as it falls due. A second commercial paper programme has been stabilised. O&Y plans to use the proceeds of the recently announced sale of a 63 per cent stake in Interprovincial pipelines for US\$137 million to acquire the remaining elements of its programme as they fall due over the coming

A spokesman for O&Y adalso expected to confirm that the new facilities are only the mitted that the problems in the commercial paper markets had hampered its talks with its banks. "The speculation surrounding the commercial paper programme created a liquidity crisis company, is understood to which impeded progress in have been in talks with the arranging additional sources group's banks for the last - of finance. With the commerthree or four weeks and has cial paper issues stabilised we already secured agreement can move forward with the

below the Swiss, who lead the

field in actual pay at DM25.75. On this basis,

Germany is only sixth highest

in the world. But social wel-

fare and other extra costs met

by German employers in-

crease the hourly by DM18-75. Italy ranks sec-

and highest in the world in

terms of the additional social

burden on employers. The economic slowdown in Germany has intensified dis-

cussion of the possibility that

high labour costs will drive German investment abroad

and discourage inward in-

vestment. Although the gov-ernment is convinced Ger-

many will escape recession, it

forecasts growth of a maxi-

mum 2 per cent this year,

The IW study followed a report from the authoritative

Ifo Institute, in Munich, that

said Germany was becoming

increasingly unattractive to business. The independent Ifo said German business saw

high taxation and social wel-

fare costs as important disin-

centives to economic activity

in Germany.

after 3.1 per cent in 1991.

Germany heads

labour cost league

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

discussions with our banks and arrange additional resources. The company retains a very substantial net worth despite the impact of the recession in the United States, Canada and England on some of O&Y's developments

and investments. "Given our very strong relationships with a number of the world's leading banks we are confident that our efforts will be successful and that we will-continue the process of value creation which is O&Y's hallmark."

Although it has not yet been confirmed, it is believed that JP Morgan, Lehman Brothers and Nomina are favourites to lead the refinancing.
O&Y's lead banks are Ca-

nadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Citibank of America but the group is thought to have debts outstanding with up to 200 banks, including the four British clearing banks. What form the refinancing

might take is not clear at this early stage but it could involve a debt-for-equity swap. Al-though perceived as a secretive company, two years ago O&Y did offer for sale a 20 per cent stake in its North American property operation to institutional investors. No sale was agreed, however.

Dominion Bond Rating Service, the Canadian credit rating agency, initially down-graded 'O&Y's commercial paper because of the fall in the value of the quoted investments on which the programme was secured. These were O&Y's holdings in Trizec, the North American property group. Trilon, the financial services group, and GW Utilities. GW Utilities, which is 89 per cent owned by O&Y, sold its stake in Interprovincial, a pipeline group, to help fund the rising

This rapid increase in redemptions forced Dominion to downgrade the paper programme again towards the end of last week, as holders of the paper rushed to redeem it. Confidence in the group has been falling, as the worldwide recession affects all its

level of redemptions on the

Canary Wharf is likely to be blamed for much of O&Y's financial problems. The C\$3 billion O&Y has invested in the early phases of the project has largely come from exist-ing bank facilities and lines of credit. But refinancing the investment has proved difficult as bankers lose confi-Leading article, page 15 dence in property assets.

Besieged Steetley defiant



Manning the barricades: David Donne says Redland's offer is still too cheap

Although economic data this week should worry the government less than last week's, the money markets have already started to grow nervous. On Friday, lending rates moved up on a broad front. The key three-month interbank rate closed 1/8 higher at 10% per cent. Sixmonth and one-year rates ended at 11 per cent and 1011/16 per cent respectively. Base rate has been at 10.5 per cent since last September. Foreign exchange analysts believe Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor, missed opportunities to cut the base rate without risk to sterling in the weeks before the Budget. But they see the present weakness ruling out any rate reduction until well beyond the election.

Glenn Davies, chief econo-mist at Credit Lyonnais, says he is starting to believe that "the next base rate move will be up, no matter what the outcome of the election".

Official trade figures for February, out today, are expected to highlight the persistent underlying deficit on visible trade, despite proonged and severe recession.

Building society figures for February, out on Wednesday. are not expected to show any pickup in the housing market. The Engineering Employers' Federation report the same day is likely to contribute little towards hopes of recovery. Neither is the Confederation of British Industry industrial trends survey for March, due on Friday.

DAVID Donne, chairman of Steetley, the building materials group, remains confident of seeing off the £600 mil-

lion-plus shares-or-cash approach from Redland, which closes at 1 pm on Thursday.

The City view is that
Redland looks set to achieve a narrow victory. Well informed sources close to Steetley admit that the building materials group looks very hard pressed, but stressed that it is not over

Mr Donne said: "Steetley fights on Redland's revised offer is too cheap and in reality is no increase at all. The exit multiple on normalised earnings totally fails to recognise its market position and the cost savings

Steetley is still making presentations, but the prospect of cash for sector pessimists impatient for the recovery, or shares for those hoping for a recovery, may be enough to tip the balance Redland's way.

Both share prices were easier last week apparently as speculators bought into Steetley in the expectation that the bid would succeed

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Pakistan is asked to stop bond sale

BY NEIL BENNETT IN LONDON AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

PAKISTAN's central bank has cancelled a worldwide issue of high-interest bonds following pressure from the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England. The action follows fears that the confidential bonds would be used by . drug dealers and arms trad-

ers to launder money. Bank of England officials contacted the State Bank of Pakistan on Friday to ask them to withdraw its issue of foreign currency bearer certificates. A Bank spokesman said they did not appear to comply with Banking Acr is not a registered deposit disclosed".



Sales pitch: how the bonds were advertised

the Fed raided Pakistani banks on Friday and ordered them to halt the bond sale.

The action was taken after the state bank advertised the five-year bonds in the Financial Times and The Economist. The adverts promised "no income tax", "no questions about the source of regulations. The State Bank funds" and "no identity to be

The multi-currency bonds also offered unusually high interest rates, of 11.75 per cent in sterling, 10.25 per cent in marks and 8.75 per cent in dollars. The Bank of England was concerned the bonds would contravene its recent initiative against mon-

ey laundering. The adverts say the issue is being organised through a series of authorised banks,

dard Chartered. But a spokesman for Standard Chartered esterday denied any knowledge of the issue. Paksistan's government admitted in a statement that the sale of the bonds was launched without clearance of the American Securities

and Exchange Commission.

However, Pakistani finance

ministry officials denied the

Chase Manhattan and Stan-

bond was offered as a device to launder drug money. The State Bank was hoping to raise up to \$100 million to ease the government's troubled financial position. The bond issue was aimed at expatriate Pakistanis to allow

them to repatriate foreign

New-look

Liffe

to begin

trading

BY JON ASHWORTH THE merger of Britain's two leading derivatives markets has finally been completed. The two former options and

futures exchanges begin trading today as the London

International Financial Fu-

tures and Options Exchange

(Liffe) with a warning that

much still needs to be done if

London hopes to become a leading player in world

derivatives.
Michael Jenkins, chief ex-

ecutive of Liffe, said the way

was now clear to encourage

new investors into the mar-

ket. Britain has little private

client business compared

with countries such as The

Netherlands, where individ-uals are behind 80 per cent of

the options trades, and a lot

must be done to win their

make the market easier to

use. The merger has not been without its difficulties and we've all been struggling to

find a way forward. We're not

sure if we've found it, but

there is a great deter-

to merge in December 1990, but problems with settlement

and support systems set the process back. There were

fears that too few market-

makers were prepared to

commit themselves to the new

exchange, making it impossi-

ble to create an active market.

Up to 1,500 futures and options traders have been

working on the floor of the new Cannon Bridge ex-

change since early February.

but it has taken six weeks to

merge the systems and iron out faults. The site was inau-

gurated by the Queen on February 11. Now, four years

The markets had been due

Mr Jenkins said: "We are only going to succeed if we can provide the liquidity and

confidence.

Wellcome appoints firms to place shares in £4bn sale

By Karen Woolfson

THE Wellcome Trust has started to appoint investment houses to place shares worldwide in a planned £4 billion sell off of its holding in Wellcome plc. the British pharmaceutical group. Goldman Sachs is

frontrunner to place shares in North America, which represents 44 per cent of group sales but only 2 per cent of the total equity.

Wellcome wants share distribution to mirror sales of its products more closely. putting a heavy emphasis on

THE European Commission

is this week expected to fine a

French credit card group and

Eurocheque International for

fixing their transaction prices

The fine will be the first

punishment meted out to the

banking sector by Sir Leon

Brittan, the competition com-

missioner, and comes only a

week after Brussels issued its

in France.

of the international share

Nomura is the frontrunner to place shares in Japan; its pharmaceutical analyst was unable to comment. John Reeve of Daiwa, another potential player in the share offer, said: "Wellcome certainly matches Japanese interest in growth stocks and they are naturally attracted to pharmaceutical companies. They see it as an industry of

Robert Fleming, the global co-ordinator for the planned international offering and ad-

EC fine for price

fixing expected

responsible for placing shares in the United Kingdom. Baring Brothers, adviser to Wellcome, has already se-

viser to the trustees, will be

cured one or two regions for share distribution outside the United Kingdom but is negotiating for more. Talks on distribution in

continental Europe are continuing, with groups such as Credit Lyonnais, which is strong in France, and Deutsche Bank, which is strong in Germany, expected to take some sort of role in the offer. City analysts expect the

share offer to be partly in the form of a placing, with a larger proportion placed with institutions than would be the case if it were a government privatisation.

Mr Reeve said: "The interest here is not in wider share ownership but in maximising return, so retail investors are not a high priority. They will only be brought into the offer to the extent that they help maximise returns."

Groups already chosen to distribute Wellcome shares are sounding out the interest in their appointed regions. The timing of the proposed offer is not yet clear, although Welicome has said July is the first date it is likely to be able to achieve, City analysts believe the sell off will not go ahead before the late sum-

The Wellcome Trust must first obtain authority from the court to reduce its holding in Wellcome plc from its present 73.6 per cent to below 50 per

Michael Wart, investor relations manager at Wellcome plc, said the process has started. Trustees cannot sell further shares in Wellcome plc unless the original will of Sir Henry Wellcome is changed, and without obtainirig the consent of the charity

a record last year, sending the

pay of some top New York

investment bankers back to

the \$5 million-a-year levels

they enjoyed before the crash

Huge share trading vol-

umes, an avalanche of new

issues and sharp cuts in inter-

est rates have dramatically

transformed the fortunes of

the top 315 firms in just 12

In 1990, they lost a com-

bined \$162 million. Last

year, profits reached \$5.9 bil-

lion, \$300 million more than

earlier estimates and almost

\$400 million over the previ-

Analysts are forecasting 1992 could be another record

ous record set in 1986.

five years ago.

months.



Best foot forward: shoe retailers need to take steps to beat competition as the outlook remains gloomy

Footwear sector struggles for profit

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

MAKING money in the footwear market has become increasingly difficult since the mid-Eighties, with too many footwear retailers competing in a market where cheap imports are growing, according to Verdict, the market re-

search group.

A report says the market needs a casualty to reduce shop numbers and ease competition in the high street. There are more than 11,300 specialist shoe shops trading at present, after a 5 per cent decline in the Eighties.

search director for the Securi-

ties Industry Association,

said: "January was probably

the strongest month in the

securities industry's history. It is quite remarkable."

shared by fewer people. Since the crash, Wall Street has

increased staff by only 2 per

cent, putting employment at 214,000, 18 per cent lower

While much of American

industry is still caught in re-

cession, analysts expect in-

vestment bank and stock-

broking salaries to show

sharp increases when the de-

tails are revealed in annual

pay statements later this

The wealth will also be

In volume terms, the footwear market was broadly sta-tic between 1986 and 1989. 1984, imports accounted for

Since then, it has fallen with increasing momentum. As a result of these trends, footwear's share of consumer spending has diminished steadily over the past decade. In 1983 it accounted for 1.23 per cent, but by 1991 this had fallen to 0.98 per cent.

Last year, consumer spend-ing on footwear fell 4.5 per cent in real terms. The main reason for the sector's declining share of consumer spending is low in-flation. Driving this has been the rising importance of inexpensive imported shoes and shoe components. In

58 per cent of supplies and by 1990, this was 69 per

British Shoe Corporation, part of Sears, is the largest footwear retailer. It owns Saxone, Dolcis, Freeman Hardy and Willis, Manfield, Lilley & Skinner and Shoe City. It has been reorganising and closing underper-forming stores. As a result, its market share has fallen from 25 per cent in 1984 to 18.3 per cent last year.

Next largest is Clarks with per cent of the market. Marks and Spencer, which

ed by independent outlets.

Verdict says the outlook for 1992 is gloomy for the footwear market and there is little evidence that it will benefit much even if there is a

for a third of all sales in a

market that is still dominat-

ecovery in the economy. The report says: "Over the Eighties, footwear prices ve risen at about twothirds of the rate of retail prices as a whole and at its ost simple, this is not a viable situation if it is repeated in the Nineties. Either or a number of companies

after the merger was proposed, the £30 million site is operating under a single administration and a unified dearing system. From today, the new autoquote screen information service will provide continuous price updates on the FTwill cease to function."

SE option, and will eventually cover all UK equity options Autoquote is one of several improvements being intro-duced to make the market more competitive and liquid. New market-making ar-rangements and changes in stock borrowing and tax relief will also help. Tony de Guingand, former

managing director of the London traded options marof Liffe. David Burton, chairman of Liffe for the past four years, is due to step down this



Jenkins: determination

Sunday Express and Daily

Star, to show pre-tax profits of E84 million, against £95.7 million. Market forecasts range from £80 million to £84

Wellcome indicated that its

interim pre-tax profits would not be less than £235 million

(£181.2 million) at the time of

the announcement of Well-

come Trust's decision to place

THE TIME

"users' charter", which warns banks and financial institu-**C&G** ready to take over society

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE three-branch Mid-Sussex building society is to be taken over by the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Soci-ety in August if members agree. The £24 million Mid-Sussex incurred a loss of £46,000 last year after mak-

receive a bonus of 2.25 per cent on their savings and the 590 borrowers will have their mortgage rate reduced by 0.5 per cent for 12 months after

Members of the Mid-Sussex will vote at its annual meeting on April 23 and C&G members will vote six

Derek Scutt, chairman of the Mid-Sussex, said: "It is becoming increasingly difficult for small building societies such as ours to compete effectively in our chosen market. We are often unable, or not even legally entitled, to offer our members the range of services now available

through larger societies."

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the C&G, said last month that he did not want to be involved in the rescue of any more societies. The proposed merger does not fall into that category, a spokeswoman said.

tions to lower their charges to small companies and individuals or face the consequences.

Commission sources say Sir Leon originally wanted a fine of about £7 million. It now appears that Christiane Scrivener, the French tax commissioner, has intervened and the penalty could be less. Sir Leon's competition investigators have found that Eurocheque, the principal international cheque company in Europe, and the French Groupement des Cartes Bancaires, comprising 11 of France's largest financial institutions, met in Helsinki in 1983 and agreed that Cartes Bancaires transaction

charges should be no less than those on Eurocheques. The commission has ruled this a "particularly serious restriction on competition".

Although Eurocheque and Cartes Bancaires dismantled their Helsinki agreement last year, the two groups continue to co-operate and are looking into exclusive arrangements for Eurocheque credit cards to be used in Cartes Bancaires cash machines

French banking institutions are moving away from cheques and Eurocheque is widely expected to follow suit: international cheques are becoming increasingly costly for banks to administer.

The commission has found tively low market share in France, where banks have made it difficult for clients to obtain the international cheques. Last week, the commission warned banks that they must make details of how long their transactions take and what they cost available to dients. Sir Leon believes that normal market forces, with clients shopping around for the best deals, will drive bank charges down.

However, the commission has also considered setting tariffs of charges for banks. and further investigations into practices in individual member states are expected.

Wall Street salaries Bundestag agrees to back at \$5 m a year cut banks

THE Bundestag, lower house of the German parliament. has approved for the second time a measure to cut the number of regional central banks in Germany by two, to nine. The bill now goes to the upper house, which rejected a similar attempt to change the central banking system in November. The upper house is not, however, expected to be able to produce the twothirds majority necessary to block the bill this time.

The Bundesbank has opposed demands from the eastern lander for five new regional central banks to join the existing 11. The bill foresees only the large states having their own regional central banks.

Gatt resolution BY PHILIP PANGALOS

Retailers push for

textile and clothing suppliers are pressing for a successful conclusion to the Uniquay round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade amid growing fears that the talks will end in failure.

A joint statement from the British Retail Consortium and the Apparel, Knitting and Textiles Alliance calls on the government, the European Community and Gatt to ensure agreement.

Both say a successful conclusion to the round is essential and call for a "stable and predictable" framework for world trade.

They say agreement would provide a satisfactory and cer-

BRITISH retailers and their tain basis for forward business planning, with a framework for trade that guards against the risk of a slide into international trade conflict. They added that a success-

ful conclusion would provide measures that went some way towards providing fairer terms of international competition, including better access for British manufacturers to export markets. They said further delay in

reaching agreement increased the risk of a breakdown in negotiations, jeopardising supply agreements for periods beyond the end of this year, when present world textile trade regulatory arrangements expire.

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Growth comes under pressure at Kingfisher POOR retailing conditions are likely to result in a small decline in full-year profits at Kingfisher, the retailing and property group, which is headed by Geoff Mulcahy. Pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, are expected to slip to £205 million, against £215.3 million last time, according to

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

WALL Street profits reached year. Jeffrey Schaefer,

Mr Bubb said: "Growth is under pressure. The major profit engines are running out of steam and they need a

Nick Bubb. at Morgan Stan-

ley. Market forecasts range from £205 million to £215

major acquisition." The second half should have seen some progress at Woolworth and Superdrug, but B&Q, the do-it-yourself chain, will have come under pressure from Texas, while Comet may even suffer a small loss. Lower interest charges will offset a fall in property profits.

TODAY

Argos, the catalogue showroom retailer, is expected to sec its final pre-tax profits decline to about £62 million. against £75 million last time, according to Morgan Stanley. Market forecasts range from £60 million to £65

Interbns: Community Hospitals Group, Kleinwort Development Fund, Lloyd Thompson Group, Merivale Moore, TR High Income

Trust. Finals: Aran Energy. Argos. Astec (BSR), Bemrose Corporation, Brent Chemicals International. Cenning (W), Claremont Garments, ECC Group, Era Group, Hibernian Insurance, Hongkong Land Holdings, Hungarian Investment Co, Isle of Man Steam Packet Co, Linread, P-E International, Ratork, Sharpe & Fisher, Spring Ram Corporation, Woodchester Investments. Economic statistics: Food facts (fourth quarier); balance of payments, current account and overseas trades (February).

TOMORROW

UBS Phillips & Drew believes final pre-tax profits at the Prudential Corporation, Britain's biggest life insurer, will rise from £261.3 million to £312 million. Market forecasts range from £278 million to £329 million.

P&O. the shipping, construction and property group, is expected to see its annual pre-tax profits fall to between £185 million and £250 million, against £261 million last time. Most forecasts are between £185 million and £210 million. Interims: Amber Day Holding

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Decline expected: Kingfisher's Geoff Mulcahy

expenditure and stockbuilding (fourth quarter – revised); company liquidity (fourth quarter). WEDNESDAY

Andrew Porter, at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, expects strong growth, largely from acquisitions, to enable full-year profits at Medeva, the pharmaceuticals group. to advance to £15 million (£4 million). He forecasts earnings per share of 6.8p (3.4p) and a dividend of 1.25p

County NatWest expects

company, to report a 21 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to E71 million, as the group's British operations suffer downturns on a number of

Reckitt & Colman, the food to pharmaceuticals group, will find that demand for its consumer products in Britain and America has been hit by the recession. Kleinwort Benson expects final pre-tax profits to dimb to £255 million, against £235.2 million. The recession is likely to

push final pre-tax profits at Cookson Group, the industrial materials group, down from £97.5 million to £45 million: according to Nigel Utley, at Credit Lyonnais Laing. Forecasts range from £39 million to £45 million. E39 million to 645 million.
Interime: Berratt Developments, Bridport-Gundry, Burn Stewart Distillers. Frogmore Estates, 185 Optimum Income Trust (third quarter); Pressac Holdings, Town Centre Securities. Finals: Boddington Group, British Alcan Aluminium, Clifford Foods, CMB Packaging, Cookson Group, Dolphin Packaging, Gibbs and Dandy, Hepworth, Jardine Matheson Holdings, Kingfisher, Lambert Howarth Group, Lasmo, Medeva. Micro Focus Group, Page (Michael) Group, Reckitt & Colman, Richardsons Westgarth. Economic statistics: Building societies monthly figures (February): construction – new orders (January – provisional).

THURSDAY

Hepworth, the building ma- UBS Phillips & Drew expects

a significant part of its 73.6 per cent holding in the pharmaceuticals group.

Interims: Gleeson (MJ) Group, Kalamazoo, Micklegate Group, Murray Ventures, MY Holdings, Wellcome. Finals: Appleyard Group, APV, Booker, Bostrom, Boustead, Bunzl, Burford Hold-ings, Burmah Cestrol, Clarkson (Horace), Coats Viyella, Jardine Strategic Holdings, Jewes Group (Horace), Coets Viyella, Jardine Strategic Holdings, Jeyes Group, Monument Oil and Gas, Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets, Plasmec, Seafield Resources, Secura Trust Group, Sheffield Insulations, Slough Estates, Spear (JW) & Sons, Tibbett & Britten Group, United Newspapers, Weir Group, Wolstenholme Rink,

Economic statistics: Insurance and pensions (fourth quarter); new vehicle registrations (February); energy trends (January).

FRIDAY

Interims: Sentry Farming Group.
Finate: Breedon, HTV Group.
Murray Split Capital Trust.
Portmeirion Potteries, Relyon
Group, TR Far East Income Trust.
Forcemia Statistics: CRI monthly Economic Statistics: CBI bends enquiry (March).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Interest fears from Labour

eek two of the campaign has arrived and in the stock market, so far so good. Or is it? There is little sign as yet that share prices have been adjusting to Labour's lead in the opinion polls. Despite a Labour shadow budget that either confirmed or introduced a number of factors that are negative for shares, the FT-SE 100 index reacted only modestly, finishing the week down a mere 19 points, a fall of well under 1 per cent. There is increasing evidence from the opinion polls that the City's long-held belief in a narrow Conservative victory should now be regarded as questionable. All is still to play for, but shareholders would be wise to build a higher probability of a non-Tory adminis-

tration into their forecasting.

There were a few signs, but not many, that this process had begun last week, especially in the weakness of stocks in the privatised utilities. So far, the market reaction has been curiously subdued. Partly this stems from the inactivity of institutions, so far reluctant to call the election result either way. But even in the absence of substantial trading volume, the much-vaunted pricing mechanism of efficient markets should by now be reflecting the higher probability of a hung parliamnent and even of a narrow Labour majority.

The most obvious, yet so far little discussed, danger to equity valuations is that the finances of a Labour government or Lib-Lab dominated hung parliament will fail to win the approval of overseas holders of sterling and gilt-edged stock. Memories of the late-Seventies, when so-called buyers' strikes in the government bond market undermined official funding, are by no means dead. Holders of gilts and sterling quite reasonably required higher interest rates as compensation for holding increasingly risky securities and eventually the process was checked by courtesy of the IMF.

On the basis of both the official and shadow budgets, funding government spending over the next few years looks problematic anyway. The scale of proposed government borrowing is a problem common to both major parties. This will be especially true if the heroic assumptions made by the Treasury (and not disputed by the shadow chancellor) of a sharp recovery in the economy over the next year or two fail to materialise. But a Labour chancellor would face added dificulties in keeping the bond markets and foreign exchanges sweet.

abour may have moderated its earlier plans to take back into public ownership many of the companies privatised under the Tories. But, more to the point, it is unlikely to sell off what remains under state control. This excludes a source of revenue which will be badly needed in the next few years. The financing problems would be more acute in the middle and later year of a Labour administration when the leaders would come under increasing pressure to deliver on public spending: pledges made in recent years. A Labour chancellor will also face pressure from his own colleagues to release for current spending the proceeds of council house sales, adding further to government borrowing needs. Faced with gross government borrowing fast heading towards £50 billion, the markets are likely to force higher interest rates on a Labour chancellor, creating problems for his plans to stimulate industrial recovery and straining or perception of Labour's

resist a devaluation of sterling. If the prospect of higher interest rates under Labour has not been taken aboard by the stock market, nor has the fact that new equity issues will suffer some crowding out due to government calls on the gilt market. With institutional cash flow growing only slowly, gilt sales will pre-empt a much larger slice of the cake in the current year and thereafter.

How Thatcher and Major have given Labour room to manoeuvre

BORROWING TO BUILD AND BRIBE

Anatole Kaletsky asks why, when a Labour polivictory could produce a financial collapse, the City is curiously silent

ats off to Neil Kinnock and John Smith. As today's straw poll in The
Times demonstrates, even the City they are now widely tipped as Britain's next prime minis-ter and Chancellor. Punitive taxes would still deny Mr Kinnock an absolute majority, especially if the Liberal Democrats can put themselves across in Liberal-Tory marginals as the party that can defend the middle class and rein in Labour after the Conservatives are

After 13 years of Tory rule, even the remote possibility of an expropriative Labour government might have struck terror in the City and the business establishment. Yet financial markets have been broadly stable, investors have said they would actually prefer a clear Labour victory to a hung parliament and businessman have confined themselves to nostalgic reminiscences about the great economic achievements of the Eighties, which are now allegedly under threat.

Why have the Labour party's opponents not tried a more direct assault? Despite the generally san-guine views of City analysts, it is all too probable that a Labour victory would trigger a collapse of financial business and consumer confidence, at least in the short term.

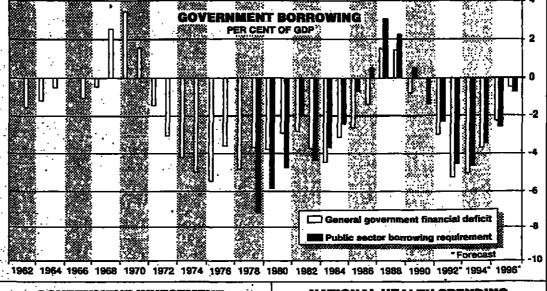
This would prolong the recession and throw hundreds of thousands of people out of work. Why is this message not being shouted from the rooftops by the Tories and their friends in the City and business community?

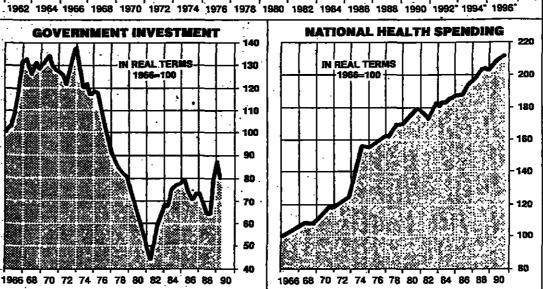
The answer comes down to the three initials that will be inscribed on John Major's political gravestone if he loses this election: ERM.

The government has made an ungodly mess of economic management, but the main reason for its economic failure — the decision to enter the ERM at the wrong time and the wrong exchange rate - has commanded almost unanimous support from the City, the businessman and, crucially, Labour.

Until a few weeks ago, Labour support for ERM membership looked like a political as well as an economic mistake. As evidenced in Mr Smith's shadow budget last prives Labour of any alternative economic strategy, except for the atavistic "soak the successful" socialism of his tax proposals. If the Tories had made even a half-decent fist of running the economy, the ERM would have reduced Labour to unconvincing me-tooism on every economic issue except for taxation.

But the recession has destroyed





the Tories' reputation for economic competence and reduced them to silence on the macroeconomic prospect. Having staked their reputation on promises of a spontaneous eco-nomic recovery produced by the low inflation imported from the ERM, the Tories cannot afford to draw public attention to a very real possi-bility that the recession will go on

The City analysts, having main-tained that ERM membership would guarantee a political financial stability, cannot now turn around and argue that Labour would precipitate the financial

With the threat of an immediate financial crash or a lengthy depression neutralised in terms of political rhetoric, if not of economic reality, the Tories have had to aim their economic attack at a more distant target. The new target is the longterm cost of a Labour government which would allegedly amount to the equivalent of ten pence on the basic rate of income tax by 1996. But here again, the government

Even if Mr Lamont's costings of Labour spending policies were valid, the task of raising the money would

will find its fire deflected by the

be far less daunting than he maintains. For the Tories' own policies have given Labour the means to borrow and spend to their hearts

By slashing the national debt under Mrs Thatcher, then joining the ERM and signing up to the deficit guidelines agreed at the Maastricht summit, the Conservatives have created unprecedented leeway for a future Labour government to pursue a socialist agenda of public spending, borrowing and even renationalisation.

rirst, Mrs Thatcher reduced Britain's public debt from 55 per cent of gross domes tic product in 1980 to 36 per cent in 1990, by far the lowest level among the major countries of

Then, Mr Major cemented Labour's advantage by joining ERM and staying in, in spite of the obvious political costs.

The Tories' inadvertent effort to ease the spending constraints on future Labour governments culmi-nated in the Maastricht summit with the guidelines agreed for public borrowing ahead of European monetary union.

Potential members of EMU un-

dertook, from 1996 onwards, to try to keep their structural budget deficits below 3 per cent of GDP and their national debt below 60 per cent. These guidelines, which seemed exceedingly strict for Italy, Belgium and even Germany, were actually very generous by the stan-dards of Thatcherite Britain. By simply accepting EMU and the Maastricht agreement as the lodestars of Britain's public financies, Labour can now justify £20 billion more public spending and borrowing than the Tories.

For while Mr Major remains agnostic on EMU and pledges his loyalty to the original Thatcherite aim of cutting public deficit to zero. the Maastricht terms would allow Labour to continue borrowing profusely even after the recession ends.

In 1992-3 money, the Maastricht 3 per cent of GDP is worth almost E20 billion, equivalent to half the cost of the national health service or 9p off the standard rate of tax.

But there was even more good news for Labour in the fine print of Maastricht. The summit also settled on a new definition of public borrowing, extremely favourable to renationalisation. Instead of focusing on the public sector borrowing requirement, an accounting concept

that was humiliatingly imposed on Denis Healey by the hard men from the International Monetary Fund. the Maastricht terms introduced a new definition of borrowing, or rather reverted to a much older one. the general government financial

The GGFD conforms with the practice on the Continent, where state-owned commercial enterprises are totally separated from the government in the public account. It differs from the PSBR in two crucial respects: it excludes privatisation proceeds, reducing the financial incentive for a Labour government to sell off state assets, and it also omits market borrowing by nationalised

As a result of this change, the Treasury's traditional obsession with placing limits on borrowing and investment by nationalised industries, will be rendered irrelevant. One of the main financial arguments for privatisation and against renationalisation will, therefore, be neutralised at a stroke.

f course, the money Labour borrowed for its spending plans and nationalised industry investment would still have to come from the financial market, whether it fell within Maastricht guidelines or not. But as the time for EMU approached, Labour would find itself borrowing from a European wide pool of savings and would. therefore, be less constrained by the financial resources and political prejudices of British investment nstitutions.

These happy prospects are not assured, or even very likely. Confidence in the ERM might not outlast the election. A Labour victory could rigger a run on the pound and a hike in interest rates, or a devaluation. Without a devaluation, unemployment would stay stubbornly high and deficit spending could eventually produce a balance of pay-ments crisis. Nevertheless, if Mr Kinnock managed to navigate successfully through the next year or two, econmic recovery would eventually gather pace and Labour could start to look like a natural party of

If that ever happened, Mr Kinnock should spare a grateful thought for John Major and Margaret Thatcher.

By joining the ERM and signing the Maastricht treaty Mr Major accepted a continental political and fiscal culture which guaranteed a very large role for the public sector. By spending North Sea oil revenues and privatisation proceeds on debt repayments instead of new public investment. Mrs Thatcher lifted one of the main constraints on Labour's ambitions as well as alienating

Far from squandering the riches of the North Sea, she invested them for the benefit of future socialist governments. The old political adage was never truer. Oppositions do not win elections, governments lose

THE TIMES



From Russia with money

SMITH New Court, long proud of its links with leading South African gold mining houses, has struck up a warm relationship with the repubia. Several high-ranking officials and advisers from the former Soviet Union have, it seems, been beating a path to the firm's door, and SNC has been quick to capitalise on what it sees as a good opportunity. Only last week, Sir Michael Richardson, chairman of SNC, and Michael Marks, its chief executive, hosted a lunch for 40 City institutions in honour of Boris Fedorov, one of President Yeltsin's most trusted economic advisers. "We were left with a growing feeling that political stability in the region will continue," says Gordon Muir-Carby, head of central European research and investment. "A new market is opening with a population of 260 million and the world's largest oil and natural gas resources." Dr Fedorov is neither the first nor the last Russian to call in for lunch. The Russian ambassador is due next month. Past guests include President Gorbachev's former investment adviser and the head of the

The whole truth?

THE truth, but not quite the whole truth? On the front cover of a post-Budget 24-page Assured Tenancy Bulletin, published by Johnson Fry, a banner headline states: No Budget Changes in BES". The smaller print beneath begins: "In line with



"He's probably something in the City"

our recent thinking, the Chancellor made no changes in BES as far as the investor is concerned." Strange, at best, given that the Chancellor clearly stated that he would be abolishing the entire Business Expansion Scheme in 12 months' time.

Brain gain

ONE has to hand it to Robert Fleming. For the second year running, the firm has taken first place in an annual "brain game" to raise money for Youth Clubs UK, a charity for young people. Quite unnerved by the prospect of answering questions on food and drink, films and the like far removed from the usual City world of dealing screens and wine bars - the team from Fleming came home by a narrow margin, beating Herbert Fenwick & Willan. the City solicitor, by one point, and BAT Industries by two points. Their efforts have raised £12,500 towards the

agency that lists upcoming events for journalists, is a certain Kevin Maxwell. ...

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Newborn training

BY the time Debby Park

returns to work as a member of the newborn special risks team at Sedgwick — unveiled this week — she should be well prepared for the task ahead. For Park, aged 31, whose husband Andrew, aged 29, also works at Europe's largest insurance broker, will bring with her the experience of her own newborn special risk: their daughter, Robyn Charlotte, who weighed in at 71b 1002 at Pembury in Kent on Wednesday. Park, an associate director, will join Lani Bannach and Brian Richardson on the special risks team, which is to be headed by Guy Townley, development director, and aims to strengthen links between Sedgwick's offices in London and on the Continent. Meanwhile, Park's proud husband plans to make the most of the crossbenefits of fatherhood and his own job within Sedgwick's international casualty division: he intends to learn Portuguese and French alongside his daughter. His wife, who spent many of her formative years in Portugal, is determined to provide them both with a multi-lingual

Return to roots STEPHEN Fielding, the bar-rister-turned-banker, has returned to the legal world as business development director of Titmuss Sainer & Webb, the City law firm. The position is unusual for a law firm, but indicative of a new

pro-marketing trend in the legal world. Fielding, aged 40, joins the firm from Midland Bank, at which he was deputy chief executive of its personal asset management business and a director of Midland's trust company. Insisting that his departure has nothing to do with Midland's proposed merger with Hongkong and Shanghai Bank -"But I do think it is very good news," he says - Fielding points out that he began his career, post-Oxford, as a barrister, and did his pupillage at Lincoln's Inn. The co-author or a book on the Consumer Credit Act — Consumer Credit Agreements: A Working Hand Book to Truth in Lending — which has sold 1,000 copies, and also, as his name might suggest, an ardent cricket fan — "That one was flogged to death at school," he says with a wince school," he says with a wince

— he has returned to his roots. in more ways than one. Titmuss Sainer's offices, in the Inner Temple, are just 250 yards from the former site of City of London School, where Fielding was once a

Home run

HITCHING a lift on the election bandwagon, Thorntons, the confectioner, is hurnedly making 25p jellies moulded into the likenesses of Messrs Major, Kinnock, Ashdown and Screaming Lord Sutch - all in party colours. The firm, which went public during the Thatcher years, hopes the gimmick will stimulate pre-Easter sales. However, it concedes it will do nothing for exports - not even a boxful will head for its French shops.

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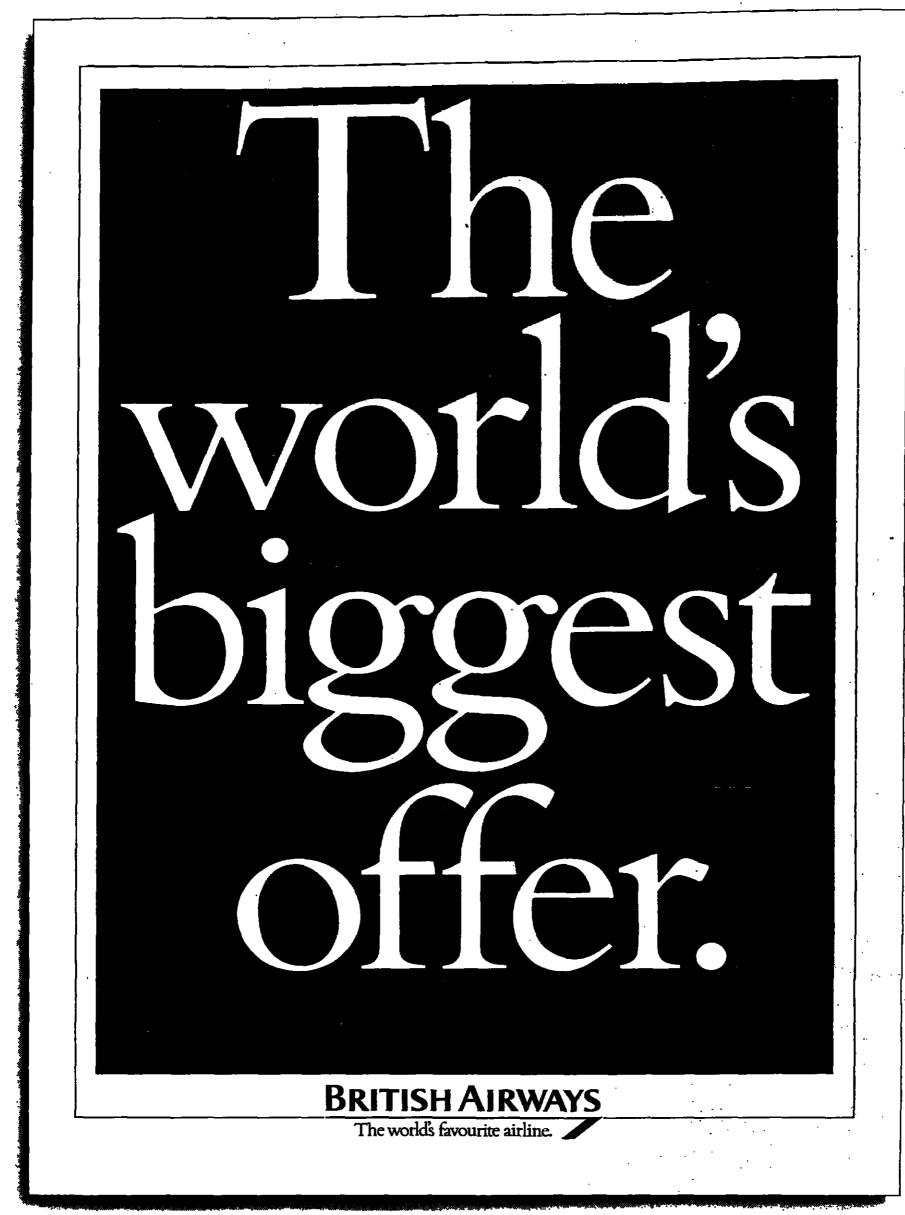
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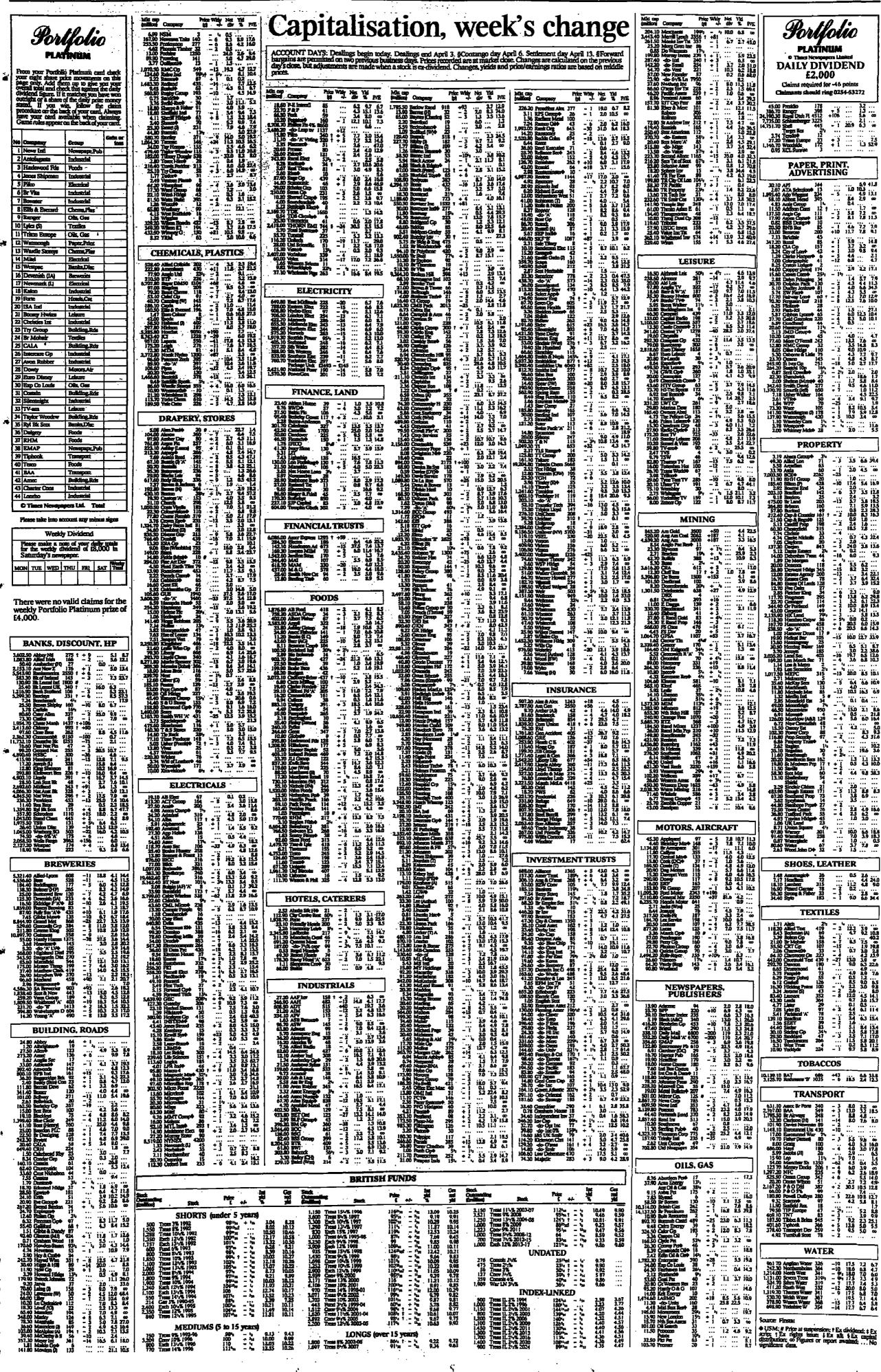
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FLEET CARS

The fleet sails back in

As the Fleet Car Show opens at

Silverstone, Kevin Eason considers

the value of company purchasing

f worried fleet execu-tives have spent the last four years wondering whether the govern-ment was intent on driving their industry out of business. then there was some comfort for them at last in the Budget.

Norman Lamont, Chancellor, took his foot off the brake that has stopped the motor business in its tracks to offer company car users some of the help they have been demanding.

Company car drivers were becoming like rabbits caught in the Mr Lamont's financial headlights, trapped by rising tax demands and unable to replace ageing models because of the recession.

The Budget announcement that company car scale charges, which determine the benefit to the user of a car provided by the employer, would only rise by inflation this year was no concession.

It was, however, enough to take anxiety away from the faces of most company car users, who have been startled by a tenfold increase in charges over the past decade. Between 1983 and the end of the 1991 financial year. charges rose from £360 a year to £3,250, with the rate of increase accelerating particularly quickly in the past four

The old system of pinning scale charges to engine size was outmoded and unfair, and the best news to come from Mr Lamont was that it will be swept away with a summer review and a move towards a system of linking the benefit to the price of the car. A price-based structure could have widespread

Drivers will be able to

choose bigger-engined and bigger-bodied cars but with lower specifications, good news for embattled manufacturers like Jaguar which produces big, luxurious saloons at prices below Mercedes-Benz and BMW, its main

Manufacturers may scrap cars which were originally designed to appeal to company car drivers, usually cars with engines under 1.6-litres but packed with "goodies" such as a sunroof, electric windows and expensive stereo which all raised the value of the model.

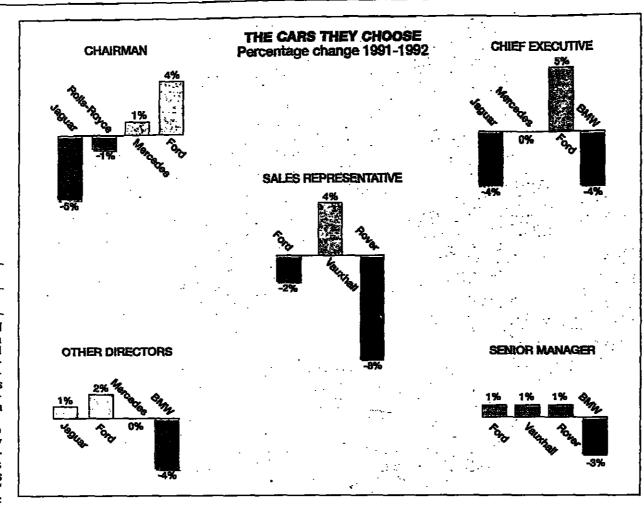
That could mean the demise of models like Rover's 214GSi, the Astra CDi and Orion 1.4i Ghia, all cars with high specifications priced at about £12,000 but small engines which at the moment fall neatly into the Treasury's lowest scale charge threshold. Little is likely to happen. however, until after April 9 when motor manufacturers and the fleet industry know

the election result. The company car is a key element of each party's strategy for transport, with each committed in some way to

curbing the use of "perks".

The thinking is directed at protecting the environment and easing some of the huge congestion on Britain's roads. Consumer groups have also pointed an accusing finger at fleet sales which are signed at big discounts at the expense private customers who have to pay more as a result. The attack on company

cars is based on the notion that Britain is obsessed with them. Yet there is no evidence that Britain depends that much more on the company car than any other nation.



Nor can much credence be given to the notion that everyone who has a company car is somehow the beneficiary of some sly gift. About 80 per cent of company cars are used as tools of the trade and, according to a study of company car policy by the Monks Partnership, 62 per cent of company car users drive more than 10,000 miles a year; 10 per cent more than

15.000 miles No one in business would deny that their use of the company car must be taxed and treated fairly, but British drivers are taxed more heavily than their counterparts on the Continent.

A study by Swan National showed just how much. Based on an average employee using a 1.6-litre car costing £12,000 new, covering 15,000 business miles and 5,000 private miles, a British worker pays an average of £2,650 annually. In Germany that figure falls to £2,055, in Italy and France to £1,250 and in Spain to just

Yet those taxes do not go to paying for more roads nor do they benefit the company car driver at the expense of other

groups in society. Taxation from motorists in 1991 was £20.7 billion in 1991; spending on roads was £4.5 billion. Does the company car

cause congestion? It seems unlikely, given that only about 4.5 million drivers are thought to use company vehi-cles out of a vehicle population of almost 23 million. he company car

driver has been a soft target for too long, willing to pay up and take the blame for all manner of problems which afflict Britain's roads. But the past three years has

underlined just how important a healthy fleet industry is to the wealth-creating powers the nation. In recession, the quickening absence of new company cars being ordered and the consequent near collapse of the motor industry has made the Chancellor's heart much fonder of the fleet business

Whichever of the parties comes to power might do well to accentuate the positive. For example, company fleets are the main driving force behind the British motor economy. They buy more than half of all

new cars each year. Evidence from the authoritative Monks survey shows clearly that more companies have been replacing cars less often. About 13 per cent more firms this year said they would hold their cars for three years or beyond.

The net effect has been to put the brakes on fleet sales, prompting a large part of the sudden drop of one third in new car sales from 2.3 million in 1989 to fewer than 1.6 million in 1991.

Without fleet buyers British car manufacturing is pitched into the downward spiral of recession. Private buyers tend to favour foreign cars, particularly high value Japanese marques, whereas many fleets maintain Buy British policies which favour Ford, Vauxhall. Rover and Jaguar. Ninety per cent of Jaguars. for example, are sold into

And the "green" lobbyists who single out the company car as a key contributor to destroying the environment in a road-based economy should think twice before levelling their accusations.

Fleets are more likely to buy newer cars which are, because of their newer technology, cleaner than those used by private buyers. The cars are better maintained and more regularly serviced which means that their engines work more efficiently and more deanly.

There is also much evidence to support claims from the fleet industry that when unleaded petrol was introduced, companies conscious of cost and with new cars available to use the "greener" fuel were first to the pumps. They have also responded quickly to the take-up of catalytic convertors.

With Budget incentives to buy new diesel-engined vehides, which emit 30 per cent fewer hydrocarbons, 90 per cent less carbon monoxide and 30 per cent less carbon dioxide than petrol equiva-lents, there is no doubt that fleets will be first among the

These facts are among those being studied now by Treasury officials charged by Mr Lamont with carrying out the wide-ranging review of company car taxation. ■ The Fleet Car Show opens

tôday at Silverstone until March 27.

On your marques

Most British companies allow staff to have cars made in other EC nations

hile the British worker ponders his choice of new company car from a vast multinational list, the French simply say non to any model not made at home.

Figures show that while the predilection for company cars is just as great in other European nations as it is in Britain, Britons lag far behind when it comes to supporting their own national industry (Kevin Eason

writes).
In the true spirit of European unity, most British companies allow employees to choose cars made in any of the EC nations, while others are even starting to admit Japanese cars, particularly those made in Britain, on to their fleet lists.

But that spirit of the Common Market is not recognised by our competitors

particularly France. Nine out of ten sales repre-sentatives in France who set out to visit their clients each day will do so in a Citroën, Peugeot or Renault at the insistence of their

In Britain, a sales repre-sentative is just as likely to be driving a Renault as a Rover, according to a survey by the Monks Partnership

into company car use. The survey discovered that only 10 per cent of sales representatives in Britain are restricted to a Britishbuilt model with most com-panies allowing all European

At the senior management level, the rules on national-ism are relaxed almost to the point of non-existence in British boardrooms. Only 4 per cent of British companies have a policy of insist-ing that the boss drives a British car. In France, the rules are

relaxed slightly for senior managers, presumably to al-low the chairman to choose the sort of high value car. such as Mercedes or Rolls-Royce, not manufactured by French motor makers.

However. 55 per cent of French companies still spec-

ify that directors should drive only French-built cars while 40 per cent of German firms also insist on their own national products being driven by senior managers. The figure for the Italians is

35 per cent. The Monks' survey of company car practice in 12 countries shows that the rest of Europe has caught up with, and in some cases overtaken, the use of company cars in Britain.

Britain has slipped to sixth position in the league table of companies in European nations which give cars to the heads of their organisations as a salary perk.

Y ompany heads in both Austria and Germany all get perk cars, while the figures are 98 per cent for Belgium and Spain, 97 per cent for France and Denmark but 96 per cent for

However, the Monks European Company Car Survey 1992 also shows that cars for executives below board level are most common in UK companies. For example, 93 per cent of senior finance managers in British companies get a car, but the figure falls sharply to just 62 per cent in France and 33 per cent in Switzerland.

The high rate of provision of company cars has been blamed for severely distorting the British new car market. About half of all sales go into company fleets often at into company fleets, often at heavy discounts of up to 30

The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, hit company car users hard with tax increases 🖻 last year, slowing sales and raising questions as to whether fleets would dwindle

However, the evidence from Monks seems to in-dicate that the UK is not that far out of line with its European competitors.

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Driven to new heights

John Kilby drove 95,000 miles in three years in his

company car. Then he won the business driver of the year

JOHN KILBY polishes his company car. "Friends ask me why I bother looking after it when it is not my car. But it is one of the tools of my trade." he says. "It is the piece of equipment that stands between me and death. People don't pay enough at-tention to their vehicles and their driving."
This is the attitude that

won Mr Kilby the Celinet business driver of the year title in one of the stiffest tests of driving devised (Rodney Hobson writes).

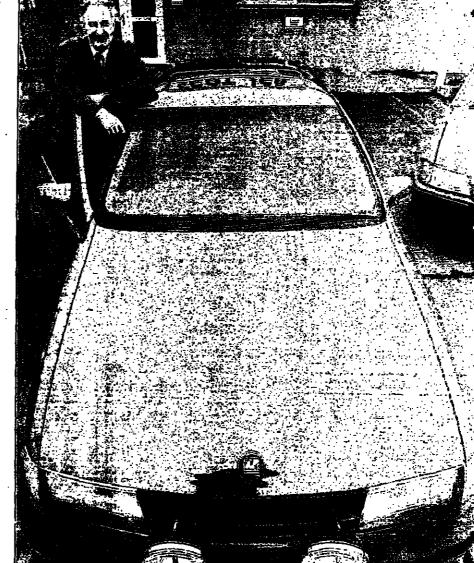
More than 3.500 people driving at least 10,000 miles a year filled in a tough question paper based mainly on the Highway Code. The organisers were surprised how many motorists struggled with the answers. Gillian MacCarthy, at Celling the MacCarthy at Celinet, the mobile telephone company running the event, says: "The drivers had to do their homework. Not many of us have looked at the Highway Code since we took our tests.

Cellnet selected 36 winners for a one-day driving test at each of five regional centres. The top four from each area went through to the finals at Donnington race circuit.

Dr Jonathan Palmer, a former Formula One motor racing driver described by the organisers as "very devious", thought up a test that sounds like a chamber of horrors. A day- and night-time road run, supervised by the Institute of Advanced Driving, was the easy part.

On the Donnington track, one car had steering on all four wheels and brakes that switched themselves off electronically in the middle of a skid. Another car was driven at speed with a ball in a dish on the bonnet. An emergency stop was performed at 60mph on a wet road going downhill.

In another test, drivers suddenly came across a simulated accident in which one car was on fire and the driver of another vehicle had been



Advanced victory: John Kilby whose motoring won him business driver of the year

thrown out and had stopped breathing. Contestants not only had to do the right thing. but do them in correct order.

A TRAILER had to be towed round a slalom and backed into a garage. A car had to be driven at 40mph through a gap only six inches wider than the vehicle.

One particularly sneaky trick was to give the drivers a car with a slow leak in a back tyre. Even Mr Kilby failed to detect the cause of the resulting shudder in the steering column. More hair-raising still was to follow two seconds behind a car travelling at up to 60mph. The leading car driving for 27 years. Surpris-

would slow sharply or accelerate just before the check points. The eventual winner be-

lieved he had missed his chance of success when prizes were presented for best performance in the various categories. Mt Kilby won none. His victory was due to a solid all-round performance.

Mr Kilby is general man-ager at Scot JCB, which sells earth-removing equipment. Based at Carlisle, Cumbria, he drives a Vauxhall Cavalier and has run up 95,000 miles in the three years he has had it, almost all of it on business. Aged 46, he has been

ingly, he did not pass his driving test first time and he blames his initial failure on the impetuosity of youth. He also failed to win the Cellnet driver of the year award the first time he entered the event. He had previously been in the finals and felt so strongly about the importance of safe driving that he came back for more.

Despite the rigours of the test. Cellnes is thinking of widening the scope to include drivers doing lower mileages. Possible categories this year wili include women and young drivers.

RODNEY HOBSON

Go to the head of the class

Sierras and Cavaliers might be the obvious first choice for fleet managers — but

> there is plenty of competition, reports Eric Dymock

rice and engine capacity are likely to remain the basis for choosing company cars, despite the fresh approach in the Budget. The custom and practice of 1.5 litres and E7.000 for junior executives, and 2.0 litres and £10,000 for middle managers, is too deep-rooted to change much even with the new ceiling of £12,000 for capital allowances and relief for lease rental payments.

It is difficult to challenge the best buys in the volume sector, dominated by the Vauxhall Cavalier and Astra, Ford Escort, Sierra and Fiesta, Rover 200 and 400 and Metro, Vauxhall Nova, Peugeot 405, and Nissan Micra. The practicalities of using the main makes, with good dealer networks, make a strong case for fleet users. But drivers still count.

User choosers have helped create the cult of the Cavalier. It is regarded as more of a driver's car than the staid Sierra, which is due to be replaced next year by a front-wheel drive successor which may restore the balance. Snatched pictures of the Sierra replacement. which may well be called something else by the spring, suggest it will not be adventurously styled. But Ford has been so shaken by its loss of market share in recent years that CDW27, as it is still known, will take a big step forward in driver appeal.

Despite the Escort's indifferent reception by the press, which was critical of its ride and appearance, it has remained near the top of the sales league. Ford is good at second thoughts, and there are improvements in the pipeline which will keep the Escort among the front runners.

The ride and handling have been improved, the new Zeta engine is sweet-running and quiet and, as with the Sierra, a programme of appearance improvements will keep it from looking dated. All that remains is to improve NVH (Noise Vibration and Harshness), to make it a match for some of the opposition, in particular the Japanese.

The Escort bodyshell is unworthy of the new Zeta engine: Ford's second-thoughts department needs to make it a quieter partnership before the Escort can be sure of





Eye catchers for the fleet buyer: the BMW 850i (top) and Rover's stylish 214Si 16-valve model fighting off the splendid Vauxhall

A few years ago a Rover in the top ten would have been at best unex-pected and at worst inexplicable. Yet in December last year, 4,490 Rover 200s were sold against 4,130 Escorts, 4,052 Sierras, and 3,928 Fiestas. The small Rover 200 and 400-series cars are quiet, refined, reliable, stylish, well-furnished and make a welcome change from the customary Ford or Vauxhall.

markets — is providing cars of great proficiency.
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Rover's self-imposed task -- to

provide for the important niche

Rover GSi and GTi models are pricey, so are the turbo-diesels, but with more UK dealers than Vauxhall (yet barely 60 per cent of Ford's) the small Rover is a best buy for customers with taste and discrimination.

In the small hatchback class Peugeot's new supermini, the 106 1.1, represents better value than the Metro, whose price has followed the rest of the Rover range upwards. The Metro is well packaged, but its equipment and refinement have been left behind by the competition. which includes the bargain basement Ford Fiesta and the Renault Clio.

The new VW Golf commands the family saloon class, despite its bizarre advertising campaign, which seems to emphasise a somewhat negative virtue — recycling. It is all very well for VW to flaunt its zeal for the environment, but some buyers may not understand the significance

of putting a new car straight into the

crusher for the sake of an

The Golf will not reach the top ten UK sellers because its quality still comes at a premium price but, although the new model is disappointingly noisy, its precision and liveliness make it as tempting as ever. The Fiat Tipo has made little headway against it because of doubts over reliability; it deserves to do better.

Volvo takes pride of place in the estate car market against a crop of new executive load-carriers, such as the roomy Granada and Citroën XM. The Audi 100 and BMW Touring join Mercedes-Benz in an upper-crust part of the market where estate cars are long on prestige, short on space, but still manage to have the feel and speed of saloon cars.

Citroën wins in the sub-2.0 litre class with the BX estate, which has an astonishing amount of room for its size, and in the big class the XM keeps loads on an even keel with hydraulic springs which keep the handling consistent even when there is a heavy weight in the tail.

Executive cars not only present fleet managers with an ample choice, they may also provoke the deepest anguish. Dealing with middle management and reps is easy, compared with the dignity of a senior executive lusting for a BMW or a Jaguar. Pence per mile and residual values have no place in a debate about prestige and emotion. Perceptions displace certainty and fleet managers whose word may be law up to the eleventh floor, can find themselves overruled on the twelfth.

Buy racy-looking Alfa Romeos for thrusting senior managers and take depreciation on the chin? Or go for BMWs as a recruitment come-on? Trust Mercedes-Benz for an image of excellence knowing the investment is safe? Go for a galvanised Audi in the certainty that it will not rust for ten years? Play safe and have

over has returned to its roots with an old-style grille to show it is determined to get back to old values as a middle-class car for doctors, lawyers and conservative businessmen. It has succeeded with the 820 (it is tempting to call it a Rover 16) but the old V-6 engine in the larger 827 is less winsome.

The classy interior is a match for anything short of a Rolls-Royce provided you go for the Connolly leather and polished walnut versions. Likewise Saab, which gives real distinction and executive performance at slightly less than executive

BMWs are best for officers promoted in the field from Vauxhall Cavaliers, who appreciate supersmooth engines and impeccable handling. Vauxhall Carltons and Senators are underrated and wellequipped; Granadas outsell other big cars in Britain and, while they may not be first choice with the twelfth-floor user chooser, 1,200 Ford dealers up and down the country make a very convincing

Calling all cars, at last

Tracking vehicles has become a reality with the spread of

communications networks

ehicle tracking is becoming an ever higher priority for car fleets, as the effects of traffic congestion, fuel consumption and security needs push costs up.
In 1990 the Confedera-

tion of British Industry esti-mated that traffic congestion cost British industry up to £15 billion a year in lost time, vehicle wear and tear, and fuel consumption. The recession and the rising costs of vehicles and employees have added to that figure, and it is not surprising, therefore, that those responsible for vehicle fleets are concerned to make sure they are being used as efficiently and

economically as possible.
It become a commercial reality when Security Datatrack, a subsidiary of the Securicor Group.

launched its Datatrack system in 1988 after a multi-million pound investment in radio communications networks.

For car rental and hire companies, with hundreds of pick-ups and set-downs ev-ery day, the need to know

where the vehicles are is Securicor Datatrack says its vehicle tracking and mo-

bile communications sys-tem is the first to combine navigation technology with a data communications network and display technol-The company argues that although the advent of cellular technology has improved communications, voice based systems are

expensive to run and are driver dependent. The alternative is a system such as theirs that allows operators to monitor and control their vehicles and staff without the need for the intervention of the driver.

Datatrack uses a network of low-frequency navigation transmitters and UHF

receivers covering England and Scotland. A small antenna in the vehicle picks up navigation signals to pro-vide the information of its whereabouts, displayed on a series of digital maps on a screen to give the controller the ability to see at a glance exactly where all the vehicles

The emergency services are perhaps the most important group to benefit from such systems. Several ambulance services use them, and Gloucestershire ambulance service is equip-ping its 29 accident and emergency vehicles with the Datatrack system.

The service covering 730,000 acres in a rural area, at present responds to 95 per cent of emergency calls within 20 minutes.

New proposed guidelines call for that to be re-duced to 19 min-Datatrack's

Location of cars automatic vehicle location (AVL) can be technology is at the heart of the seen at RAC's prototype emergency transmitter, de-signed to bring a glance

swifter help to the stranded motor-A Mori survey last year showed that 55 per cent of women are frightened of breaking down on a motor-way and 42 per cent dislike driving at night. Last year, of the 2.4 million breakdowns that the RAC attended, nearly 40 per cent

first car-carried emergency transmitter. Nigel Davies, technical support manager of the RAC, said their own re-search had identified

were from women drivers, and the scheme produces

what is claimed to be the

vulnerable drivers. "Women, mothers with children, the elderly and the disabled have a very real fear of breaking down in the middle of nowhere."

CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

uel buying for fleet cars involves the massive use of plastic cards. sive use of plastic cards. with volume discounts of 15 per cent off pump prices commonly on offer. Cards have brought simplicity with efficiency as well as reinforcement of bulk buying discounts and have added

benefits like squeezing out employee fraud. Increasingly electronic systems are enhancing the advantages and adding benefits of their own, notably the elimination of paper-based accounting. Of all card transactions for fuel 60 per cent are now via electronic points of sale, up from the 40 per

two years ago. Now the ubiquous cards. processing transactions worth about £1.5 billion a year, can also be used increasingly to buy all the other

Deal a card from the top A plastic card can mean that fuel costs are lower than pump prices - and now it can be used to pay for everything from tyres to batteries

from tyres and batteries to paying for repairs and setding servicing bills.

In the cards-based market two companies are key com-petitors. The market leader is PHH Allstar, whose ultimate parent is the PHH Corporabased in the United States. PHH, with an extensive background in fleet management, has particualry developed the use of cards as a payments system for any costs met in running a fleet. Its closest competitor is

cent mark reached just over Overdrive Fleet Information Services (OFIS), a joint venture involving Evans Halshaw, best known as a car sales and garage chain. of about 40 outlets with a wide range of dealerships ranging necessities of motoring life,

BMW and Mercedes to volume producers like Vauxhall and Peugeot, Evans Halshaw is partnered by Overdrive Credit Card, part of Harper Holdings.

A year ago Harper acquired from Dial Contracts, the vehicle contract hire group, its Dialcard opera-tion, then the third force in the fleet card business. Dialcard is continuing to be run as a separately branded operation. Overdrive has plans for enhancing its operations to increase its

Oil companies also offer plastic card payment systems to fleet car users with no charge being made for the card. BP, Esso and Sheli have

share of the market, a clear advantage being the loyalty they can promote for an oil company's particular brand

Users of such cards are not necessarily restricted to picking up fuel from the oil company's own outlers. BP's Supercharge card, for instance, is run operationally by PHH Allstar so that the BP card can be used very flexibly at any petrol outlets which accept the Allstar card. That amounts to well over half of the 20,000 forecourts. Truck fleets use agency

cards to pick up their diesel although big operators often organise their own bunkering

Specialised cards for the

cent of all fuel used by fleets, estimates David Knight, the managing director of PHH Allstar. The company claims nearly a third of the card-

On behalf of its customers the company spends upwards of £13 million a week on motor fuel, which is about 6 per cent of all fuel used in the UK. All this goes through the company card. About £3 million in diesel sales a week is included in the card transactions.

A recent PHH initiative is the setting up, with Keyfuels as supplier, a nationwide network of diesel outlets. It has been branded Diesel Direct and effectively offers bunkering facilities but at a far

outlets — than anything a company itself could set up. The additional advantage compared with a company's own bunkering where stocks have to be paid for is that with

the new system only fuel drawn off by a customer is

Mr Knight said: "A customer may be picking up diesel on the road through Diesel Direct and petrol with Alistar. We can consolidate all this into a total fuel management package." A charge card is used for payments when customers use the PHH options.

Mr Knight underlines the importance of electronics systems to the card operations. It helps bring more trade to companies like PHH which has also benefited because in the recession companies have oked to fleet management.

DEREK HARRIS

especially pushed to seize a car fleets account for 47 per wider variety - some 400 from Rolls Royce, Jaguar, When a decision has to be made on fleet financing it can cost a firm a fortune — or save one

ompany cars are huge business — they account for half the new cars bought in Britain each year. But they offer as many headaches as opportunities. Make the wrong decision about finance and you could be left with massive capital losses as residual values on your worn-out company car fleet dribble away.

Just as easily, the wrong lease finance or management contract could hit you with crippling monthly bills while providing neither the right tax breaks nor the right flexibility of fleet

Increasingly firms are turn-ing to fleet finance. Just ten years ago 80 per cent of company cars were bought outright by the user. Today only half are outright purchases, the rest are used under some form of lease or contract hire.

With about 1,000 organisations offering leasing and/or management facilities, how does one choose from the alternatives?

Ian Tilbrook is the vehicle leasing director at Lease Plan. which provides finance and services and has 15,000 vehicles on its books. Mr Tilbrook says: "The average company car is worth

Now, make your choice

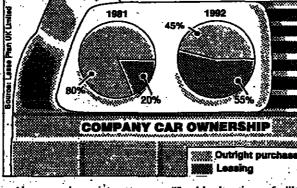
£15,000. A fleet of 100 cars can tie up £1.5 million of capital which could be better used in a firm's core business. Lease arrangements mean the user can know three years ahead of time exactly how much their fleet is going to cost and budget according-What are the options?

Outright purchase The most straighforward but riskiest way of setting up a fleet. Simply buy the cars

In today's distressed motor market there are excellent deals to be had either new or nearly new, with dealers anxious to offer reductions especially to somebody buying in bulk.

Auction houses are also increasingly popular with company fleet managers looking to buy nearly new vehicles at prices thousands of pounds cheaper than the same model new.

While outright purchase has the advantage of capital allowance write-off this must be set against tying up capital in stock that probably has nothing to do with your core



Also, cars depreciate at an alarming rate and what was once a sparkling fleet can, after three years, look a shabby asset worth a quarter of the purchase price.

John Brown, the chairman of the Finance and Leasing-Association, whose members in 1990 financed more than £13 billion worth of vehicles says: "Residual values as a percentage of original cost have slumped recently exposing the user company to significant depreciation risks and resulted in many businesses reviewing their fleet disposal policy:

"In this situation a facility such as contract hire which freezed the user from residual value risk has significant advantages:" Hire purchase

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Finance lease A form of rental under which the final rental value is set to match the anticipated re-sale price (residual value) of the fleet. There is no capital allowance advantage for the vehicle user and rentals attract Vat. However, such agreements usually improve cash flow since deposits are low and rental fees usually lower too...

Contract hire Particularly popular with small to medium sized companies and growing 5 per cent each year. Finance is provided on a lease basis and, for a fixed monthly rental, the company car user is covered for all running costs, including service and maintenance. The user simply pays for fuel and insurance and rids himself of all administration.

The Finance and Leasing Association says: "This is the least risky form of fleet finance as the risk falls on the contract hire company."

Ficet management For businesses which want to get on with their own business and let the car experts take care of theirs. The car user can either sort out the financing and hand administration over to a fleet management firm or seek the whole package.

Wise management of a fleet by a specialist organisation can save big money. Also, the economies of cost in vehicle purchase and maintenance are difficult to match.

Contract purchase This bridges the gap between finance and administration, combining the tax advantages of outright purchase with the budgeting benefits of contract hire. John Brown says: "Finance is available under contract purchase which does not lock up large capital sums in depreciating assets and efficient fleet management services are on

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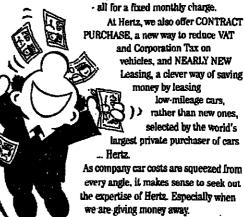
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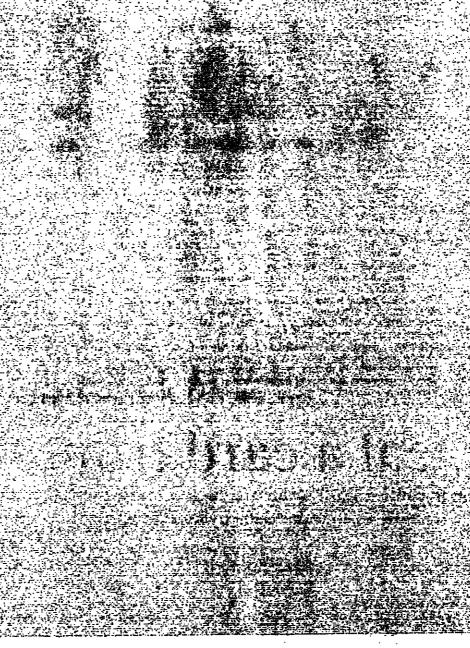
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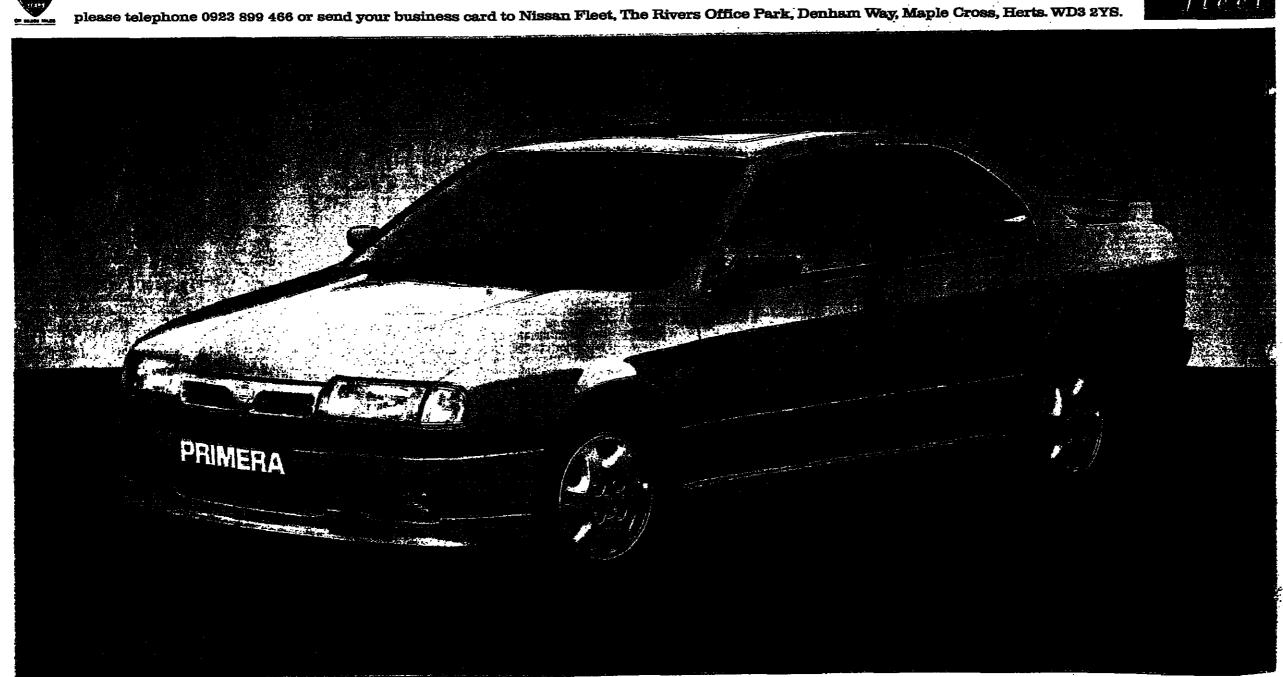
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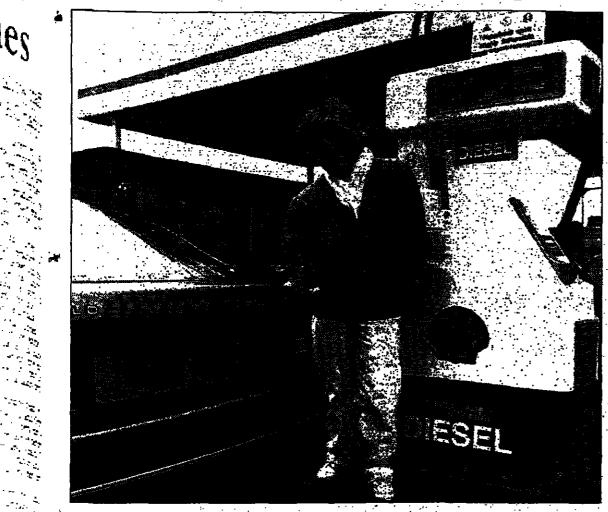


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Diesel is joining the fast lane



Fuel stop: customers in the United Kingdom bought a record 139,810 diesel cars last year

with some conviction. that anybody who drove a petrol car as slowly as a diesel would show much the same savings. A 20 per cent reduction in speed would provide a 20 per cent improvement in economy.

Times have changed. Modern diesels provide a 25 to 30 per cent improvement in economy, especially where petrol cars are at their worst, in stop-start town driving. On short journeys, where speed hardly matters, diesels can show such substantial savings that sales have grown steadily throughout the

In 1991. UK customers bought a record 139,810 diesel cars, an increase of 9.1 per cent, while sales of petrol engined cars fell by 22.8 per cent. In the first two months of 1992, diesels took 11.22 per cent of the market, more than one new car in ten, and despite resistance from company car drivers to cars they regard (unfairly) as noisy and smelly, the signs are that the UK will follow some markets in Europe where diesels now account for one car in three.

Twenty per cent of European toprange cars are now diesels. With encouragement from large differentials in fuel tax in Italy and Belgium it is 40 per cent, France 37 per cent, Portugal and Holland 25 per cent. In Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, and Norway, where price differentals are smaller, large-car buyers have been slower to switch to diesels.

Greece has now set the price of

Once it had a reputation as a slow, dirty engine. But now, Eric Dymock reports.

the diesel is rapidly gaining popularity

diesel at half that of petrol and in most countries diesel duty is 70 per cent of leaded petrol. Community harmonisation is likely to bring the UK level down from its current 90 per cent

The Budget stimulated diesel by removing the cubic capacity rule fixing the tax bracket for company cars. Diesel users suffered a higher tax assessment because diesel engines are larger than petrol cars of similar power.

The 75 horsepower Volkswagen Golf diesel, for example, is 1.9 litres against the 75 horsepower petrol car's 1.8 litres. Vauxhall's new 1.7 litre turbo-diesel Cavalier gives 82 horsepower, and much the same performance as the 1.6 litre catalyst-equipped petrol car — a top speed of 109mph, and a 0 to 60mph time of 13.5 seconds. The most prolific diesel car in

Britain is the Citroen BX, with more than 80,000 sales, the most homious and probably smoothest the Citroen XM turbo-diesel automatic. What Car nominated the Cirroen ZX Advantage D the best diesel car of 1992 against the BX, the Peugeot 309 GRDT, Peugeot 205D Turbo, Fiat Tipo 1.9 Tds. Renault 19GTD, Fiat Tempra 1.9 Tds, Pengeot 405 GLD, Audi 80 Turbo D, Rover 218 and Vauxhall

diesel fleets is convincing. One large operator reports saving around £1 million a year in financing, depreciation, and fuel costs in a fleet of 1,000 vehicles. Another, with 1,100 vehicles, claims a saving of £330,000 in fuel costs alone.

Hertz Leasing calculates that changing a fleet of Peugeot 405 1.6 GL petrol cars to 1.9 GLD diesels would save a ten-car fleet £21.862 in one year, a 50 car fleet £109,312, and a 250-car fleet £546,560.

PHH Allstar's fleet database claims that a typical firm can save £40,000 to £60,000 a year in fuel and maintanance by switching 100 vehicles to diesel and there are more savings to be had from buying diesel in bulk. An operator can save £1,500 on 30,000 litres per month through buying direct from an oil company and drawing fuel as required from a bunker

Tet there are compelling reasons for choosing a diesel, besides economy. Forty-nine percent of the 4.8 million breakdowns to which the AA was called out in 1991 were due to electrical faults. Seventeen per cent of these arose from poor battery maintenance: the rest came from faulty ignition systems, dampness, shorting, spark plugs, points, and distributors, all equipment on which diesels do not

The ADAC, the German equivalent of the AA, says that petrol cars suffer 50 per cent more break-

downs than diesels. Diesel engines are environmentally clean. They produce only about one-tenth of a petrol car's carbon monoxide and even against a petrol engine with a catalytic convener, a diesel produces 20 per cent less carbon dioxide, the prima-

ry "greenhouse effect" gas. Diesels do produce more oxides of nitrogen (the acid-rain culprit) but less hydrocarbons than a catalyst-equipped petrol car. The latest diesels, such as the Volkswagen Umwelt (Environmental) engine, have a catalytic converter to deal with these.

Diesel fuel has no lead additives and although they have a smoky reputation, the amount of soot a well-ordered car diesel produces is Small

Diesel engines last longer and command a premium on the second-hand market, enhancing residual values.

The slow-revving characteristics of diesel engines tends to make driving more measured, although many modern turbocharged diesels are very little slower than their petrol-engined counterparts. The heavy flywheel of the diesel means slower gearchanges and generally less urgency which many drivers claim improves safety.

Drive away from worries

Do you really know how many vehicles you have? If not, then it is

time to call in the fleet doctor

ow often have you found yourself star-Ling at your own car windscreen, realising you have forgotten to renew the road

Little wonder then that companies with a core business far removed from transport are increasingly handing over their vehicle problems to specialised fleet management

David Knight, the managing director of PHH AllStar, Britain's biggest company vehicle fleet management specialist, says firms come to him for help often not knowing how many vehicles they run. The first problem is to establish just how many vehi-

Such loose management with articles of stock each

worth thousands of pounds is

not only costly, but also con-sumes expensive personnel if

run in-house. Staff could be

more profitably used on the core side of the organisation. Figures from the rental experts EuroDollar show small firms in particular may be using their fleet cars so uneconomically it may be cheaper for them to hire

vehicles when they are needed

on a daily, weekly, or monthly

EuroDollar's managing director, John Leigh, says: "Car rental is a cost-effective, flexible, and trouble-free alternative to using pool vehicles. For the small business, it provides a useful way of reducing costs or actually enhancing overall efficiency.

Regular renters can now have their own on-site Euro-Dollar office, or use a system called Speedlink allowing them to plug straight into EuroDollar computers to make or extend reservations. Medium and larger firms

are more likely to be committed to their own pool fleets, tying up their own staff to administer them. Mr Knight cles a firm has," he says. "I ney tell us they have, say, 2,000 vehicles. In fact there may be a difference of 50 or 100 vehicles. In fact there may be a staff buying, organising, and servicing all within the same fleet. By bringing in PHH, the 50 staff were re-allocated, and PHH need just ten people to

do the same job. He said: "Even small fleets need five or six people to run them in-house. We do the same job with one or two people, so there are clear advantages in the personnel area even before you come to the benefits of purchasing power in vehicles, parts, and servicing which operations like

ours can offer." Ian Tilbrook, the vehicle leasing director of Lease Plan. says that as well as seeking



Counting: David Knight helps firms keep track of fleets

Whether managing a fleet owned by somebody else, or

which they are financing, the

first thing a fleet management firm must do is establish the

nature and needs of the client's

Such clients are often sur-prised when detailed analysis

of the costs and make up of

their fleet show they have been

running a collection of vehicles

little suited to their needs or

Independent management firms tied to no particular

manufacturer can advise on

car models and engine sizes,

for instance urging diesel where only petrol had been considered, but might better suit a firm's needs. Even

something like a fleet manage-

financial benefits, firms who farm out their fleet management have one other overriding concern.

"I think the single biggest influence must be convenience," he says. "The buying, selling, and running of com-pany cars is a hazardous business. In the recession companies want to be involved in their core business, not spending time and money vorrying about their car fleets

"We can provide a range of services from initial purchase or lease through to everything from replacement exhaust systerns to batteries and tyres." Some firms may still choose to buy and retain their own vehicles, and then farm out the management of them.

written report every six months. Mr Knight says: "We give clients a comprehensive report on how their vehicles are being used, who has missed a service, who has incurred the most capital costs in a given period, and which of their vehicles has been the most problematic. In this way,

it is possible to grow a picture to see if a particular vehicle is suitable for a client." Other savings are also avail-able from fleet management organisations, whose prime concern is not to sell cars, but to retain custom in an increasingly competitive sector by providing superior service. For example, the Budget changes affecting company car opera-

edly bring benefits. Analysis of fuel card purchases can show

firms where their representatives are inefficiently overlap-

ping, and so provide another way of streamlining

At PHH, each client gets a

tions were much dehated in the lead-up to March 10. Mr Robert Whalley, at PHH, says: "We were pretty sure there would be some changes in car tax, which in the event was reduced from 10 per cent to five per cent. "Thinking there might be changes we advised our clients to delay purchasing new vehides for their fleets until after the Budget. We estimate that advice has saved our clients

If money talks, then the message seems clear to anyone wrestling with the headache of company car management.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

some £250,000."

LEASING NATIONAL

Rescue package: Len Clayton, of Swan National Leasing, offers a replacement vehicle

The men who will ride to the rescue

quirement for any cor-porate fleet is that the vehicles are reliable, but breakdowns can still occur with

Contract hire companies are moving towards providing breakdown services as a backup to full maintenance programmes. They point out that a package tailored to the requirements of a company car fleet simplifies budgeting, since the fleet operator knows

devastating effect.

all the costs in advance. Swan National Leasing, for example, now offers a package that includes servicing, maintenance, repairs and a breakdown and accident service. Len Clayton, the managing director, says: "This ensures that the vehicles are less likely to break down and that if they do there is minimum business disruption. The contingency plans for emergencies such as road accidents include a providing a replacement vehicle.

Swan uses Auto-Mek, the mobile car servicing company, to carry out maintenance and repairs. Mr Clayton says: "We can provide greater savings in cost and time. Auto-Mek's mobile garage visits the cus-tomers wherever they are. This avoids time being wasted company is fully committed to while the client delivers, waits safety on the road as well as in for and collects vehicles that need servicing. On average, clients save four hours of

You don't need to make a crisis

out of a

breakdown on the road

"One company avoids any downtime by having its cars serviced while they are not needed - during its monthly

area meeting."
National Breakdown, which is based in Leeds, also offers a breakdown and recovery scheme that can be tailored to meet the needs of a client. It has introduced free European cover for fleet customers in anticipation of changes which will arise from the single European market. National

Breakdown last year opened its European headquarters in Strasbourg. The comprehensive package includes roadside repairs, nationwide recovery of vehicles and cover for caravans and trailers. Clients can opt for a lower-cost package that pro-vides towing a broken down vehicle to the nearest garage. In a serious emergency mes-

National Breakdown uses a network of 1,500 independent garages who give priority to

sages are passed to the em-

ployer and to the waiting

fleet customers. In Europe there is a network of more than 6,000 agents.

Fleet managers who do not want a full breakdown service can cover themselves for tyres batteries and exhausts. ATS. based in Redditch, Worcestershire, provides a specialised service for fleets.

It has more than 500,000 tyres in stock and the correct type for a vehicle can be located through a computer system linking 530 centres.

Large stocks of leading makes of exhausts, batteries and shock absorbers are also held. Fleet users can insist on quality: National Breakdown and ATS have been awarded the British Standards BS 5750 certification. The test is stringent and covers adminis tration, parts and work.

Auto-Mek does not employ apprentices, only fully skilled engineers. To ensure a thor ough knowledge of each vehicle's history, the cars are assigned to each engineeer whenever possible. In addition to listing the items checked and the condition of tyres, the engineer also declares any additional work done and any work that may be needed. Maintenance is carried out to the manufacturer's specifications, using the maker's parts to ensure that the vehicle's

R.H.

When lives are in your hands

new, highly sophisti-cated driving simulator will be on display for the first time at the Fleet Show 1992. Made by Atari, it will allow visitors to the General Accident stand to assess their driving performance in many types of traffic situations.

David Crichton, the manager of the commercial motor department at GA, explains why the insurance company is so keen to impress on visitors the need to take better care of their company cars: "This is European Safety Year and no doubt much will be said and done about improving safety in the workplace. Yet for the average company driver the workplace for at least two hours a day is the car.

"Unsupervised and without any special training, he or she has to control a valuable and potentially lethal piece of machinery in one of the most hazardous environments of ill, Britain's crowded roads."

There are more than three million company car drivers in this country. They clock up about 63 billion miles between them and run up more than one million insurance claims a

Mr Crichton says: "The company car is a major contributor to the carnage on our roads. The biggest cause of death in this country for people aged between four and 44 is road accidents."

Colin Tourick, the director of business development at FMM Motor Management, a fleet management company based at St Neots, Cambridge

A car is a lethal weapon — yet often drivers have no special training other than the standard driving test

shire, says: "Companies who run large fleets of vehicles will appreciate the time wasted and costs involved in accidents, repairs and insurance

"A reduction in the number of accidents leads to reduced premiums, repair costs, uninsured losses, policy excess payments and replacement vehicle costs. For delivery vehi-cles this means fewer lost deliveries, damaged stock and unhappy customers while there are fewer drivers off the road or injured.

Employees benefit from safer and less stressful driving both at work and in their private motoring. As a bonus. the roads are safer for everyone else."

Mr Tourick adds: "Drivers fail to appreciate all the potential hazards on today's busy roads, with 75 per cent of all accidents taking place in 30 mph zones and 95 per cent involving human error. All the evidence points to drivers needing assessment and training if accidents are to bereduced, particularly high risk

company car drivers." The driving test is still basically the same as the one introduced in the 1930s, long before cars were capable of tavelling at 140 mph, yet recent surveys show that fewer than 5 per cent of fleet managers have any system of testing company car users independently before handing over the keys. Nearly a third of fleet managers do not even ask to see their employee's driving

Mr Crichton says "Most company car drivers have a choice of car within a budget limit. This makes hot hatchbacks attractive with their high performance for the same price. Unlike the poor private motorists, company drivers have no need to worry about the cost of insurance."

long with other insurers, General Accident Aers, General Address has been campaigning for several years for companies to improve the standard of fleet driving or face hefty premium increases to cover the considerable losses that insurers were likely to face.

Mr Crichton says: "That prediction has now come true with a vengeance as the recent round of insurance company results has shown. What is of even more concern is the growing number of drivers who cannot afford to insure at all. Last year there were more than 200,000 convictions for driving without insurance and no doubt that is only the tip of the iceberg."

General Accident is calling on fleet managers to pay more attention to the three Esengineering, enforcement and education.

With more than half the

strongly on the issue that it has set up a register of top quality Because of the high standards demanded, it has ac-cepted only 15 training companies in the four years

being bought by companies, fleet managers could influence vehicle design. They were an influential force in the move towards unleaded petrol. Companies can deal with drivers who cause accidents by downgrading the car or insisting that the culprit passes an advanced driving test. Many companies simply fine an employee every time he has an

avoidable accident There is scope for providing education in road safety through driver training courses, information bulletins, videos and safety campaigns. General Accident feels so

that the register has been open. As an incentive to fleet managers, a rebate of £40 is allowed for each driver who attends a course.

FMM has set up a defensive driving scheme with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. It says fleet drivers achieve a 40 per cent drop in insurance. Mr Crichton adds a note of caution: "It is essential that the

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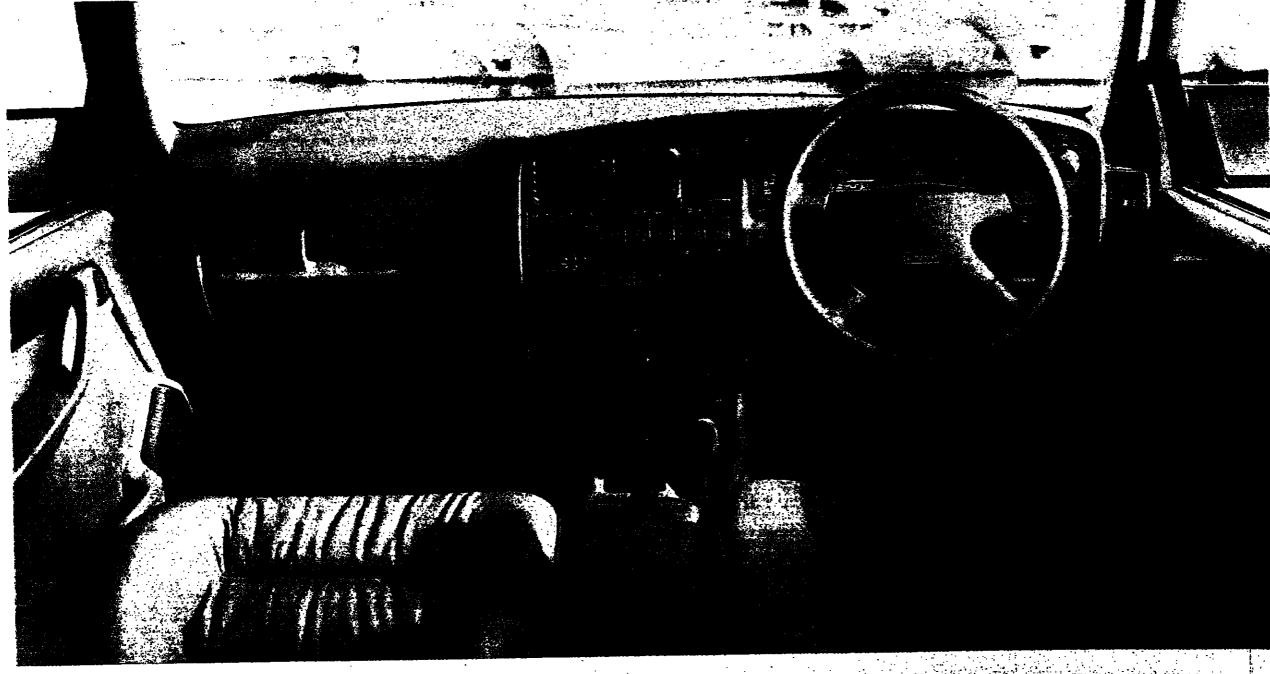
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A manager will soon be able to pinpoint his fleet at any time — and the technology will benefit the average driver, too, says Ken Young

Calling all phone buyers

or fleet managers the ate with service providers choice of services for in-car communications has never been greater — thanks to recent telecommunications liberalisation and technological development

However, with increased choice comes greater complexity as buyers spend time deliberating over the relative merits of cellular telephony, public and private mobile radio, mobile data, and new pan-European services.

For two-way, simultaneous voice, communications Vodafone and Cellner's cellular services are the clear favourites. Despite a recent slowdown in the market, cellular telephony has been a runaway success with more than 1.2 million subscribers connected since it was launched in January 1985. .

Cellular phones range in price from £100 to £800, with the most recently launched lightweight portable phones (weighing about 400g) being at a premium. In-car installation of carphones costs a further £100 to £400.

Now that drivers are strongly advised not to use a carphone while on the move, all carphone installations include a hands-free unit which allows the driver to talk without holding the handset, thanks to a small microphone placed inside the vehicle. Top of the range carphones also include voice activated dialling, allowing totally hands-

Portable cellphones are being increasingly favoured by car drivers thanks to the development of "car, kits" which allow the user to mount the phone for in-car use as and when required. It also has the indirect benefit of reducing theft because the driver will invariably carry the telephone away on leaving the vehicle. Car kits add £200 to £700 to the cost of the

Except in specific areas, Cellnet and Vodafone have identical coverage of about 95 per cent of the United Kingdom by population. Fleet managers who negoti-

(who sell airtime on the networks) are more concerned about getting the best deal on a whole list of factors ranging from connection fees, itemised billing; installation, subscription rates, and

termination agreements. Because service providers are free to set their own fees above and beyond those recommended by the operators. the cost of using cellular services can vary widely. The average carphone users spend £1,100 a year.

To make cellular more flex-

'Despite a slowdown. cellular telephony has been a success

ible, both operators have now added messaging services to the networks. These act like centralised answerphones, taking calls when the user is unavailable and allowing messages to be picked up via the telephone when it is convenient. Average usage of messaging adds about 10 to 20 per cent to the yearly bill.

For "walkie-talkie"-type voice communications, where only the caller or receiver can talk at any one time, public or private mobile radio systems are preferred. The main benefit of such systems is that the operating costs of mobile radio are about one third that of cellular, and costs are more predictable because a fixed monthly fee is paid regardless of usage. Nationwide coverage on a public service is in . the region of £39 a car a month, and radios cost from

When a private network is built costs can be reduced even further but an operating licence is required, which in some areas can prove hard to obtain. Mobile radio is used

and therefore access to the public selephone network is not given.

For data-only services, there is an increasing range of options. Good Moore, from the London based CMA Consultants, says that there is a growing interest in mobile data services where voice links are unnecessary. "Managers need to decide if they can meet their needs by data links only, if so, the savings are worth looking at thanks to the new services now up and

running," he says.
National mobile data net-works were launched last year by RAM Mobile Data, Harekiison Mobile Data, and Cognito. A fourth service, from Motorola, is also in development.

Typical users are field ser-vice teams and sales people exchanging details of customers and products via an in-car terminal. Mobile data services cost about £50 a month a year depending on the amount of usage and coverage required. Between them the operators have about 1,400 subscribers and each offer at least 65 per cent UK

population coverage.
About 4,000 cellular users transmit fax and computer data over the cellular net-works: One such corporate user is ICL, which has 450 service engineers transmit-ting job information via their carphones. Conversion of a carphone for data use costs

about £1,500. The next two years will see the launch of four mobile services. On the cellular front, a fully digital pan-European service - known as GSM - is being launched in phases. Its main benefit is that users can use their phones across national boundaries and because it is digital data, services will be more reliable allowing use of in-car fax and portable computers. Vodafone has already launched a London service and Cellnet is set to

follow in 1994. Some overseas services will be available during the coming months, but availability of GSM phones is at present



On call: in the next two years a fully digital pan-European service will be launched

have cheaper service charges

than cellular, but network

tage is that GSM carphones cost up to ten times more than some existing cellular phones. A GSM service covering the whole of the UK is unlikely

until early 1995. Early next year three operators will launch personal communications networks, known as PCNs. These are best described as digital milimited to the south-east and cro-cellular systems which are major cities during the first likely to compete directly with year of operation. the cellular operators for fleet business. The PCN operators say their networks will allow

With so many competing services in the market fleet, managers will be highly the use of smaller phones and sought after for some years to come and should be able to

Steer the right road

ot knowing what happens to the company's cars when they are out on the road is one of the fleet manager's big headaches.

Electronic systems are changing the position, with engine management systems storing information on engine history, but the next generation of electronic conirol systems will be able to provide information not only on how a car has been driven, but where it was taken. Future systems will make it

possible to track cars much more cheaply. Some are based on navigation satel-lites, some on terrestrial navigation systems, such as the Decca Navigator, and others on signals produced by the cellular phone base stations. Others work out a car's position by keeping track of the wheel speed and where they are pointing.

For the driver, the location

system will be a friendly navigator in the dashboard, voicing instructions, in good time, such as "take the next turning on the left". Systems under development by com-panies such as GEC, have an accuracy of a few metres over several hundred miles.

Research at the Transport and Road Research Laboratory shows that if only 10 per cent of vehicles have navigation systems, there would be a substantial improvement for

every road user.

BMW and Renault are expected to introduce top-range cars with navigation systems in 1994, based on Philips's Carin system. The system uses a compact disc to store a digital map which the car's computer compares with the the data coming from the wheels and the steering.

Future systems may pend more on GPS, the satellite navigation system developed for military and civilian use by the Americans. Publicity during the Gulf war stimulated interest, and calculator-sized receivers that track the position to within a few metres are on the market

According to Chris Queree, a consultant with MVA Systematica in Woking, Surrey, one third of a million cars in Japan are equipped with automatic navigation. Systems under development in Europe, under European collaborative programmes such as Prometheus and Drive, will be different Mr Querée says, partly to take advantage of the latest technology and partly to protect European automotive electronics companies from Japanese competition.

The major obstacle to adoption of navigation systems is lack of data. Much of the traffic information is free. over the radio, but is often inadequate and too late to be of any real value. "This has resulted in navigation sys-tems being classed as a gimmick," Mr Querée says.

Miniature computers are available with maps stored on memory cards, such as the Refalo from Kyocera. Note-book computers that communicate with other computers on the cellular telephone system are coming on the mar-ket from IBM and others and the British-made Global Portable Navigation System is a GPS-based location device selling at only a few

hundred pounds.

Mr Queree envisages a portable computer combining all these features, that would direct the driver, tell the fleet manager where the car is and even connect with the roads authorities to pay road or poll charges.

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Predictions: Chris Querée

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Scotland fail to offer a flourish at the end of rugby union's five nations' championship

Wales rise above tarnished image

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE lesson to be learnt this season is that teams ought to start to reconsider their views and prejudices about Wales. In fact, Wales should not be considered so lightly again, no victory against them taken for granted. Whilst lacking finesse, they are no longer short on determination and the will to survive - useful first stepping stones — and can now be said to be peering above the dustbin to which their reputation had been condemned.

This victory, by a goal and three penalties to three penalties and a dropped goal, should boost their confidence during the summer's recess and may even lead them to look forward to encountering the opposition, instead of liv-

ing in dread of them.
Others, therefore, must start to trim their exaggerated expectations. If not they will come a cropper as Scotland did in the match on Saturday, sponsored by Lada. In Scotland's transparently bitter disappointment after-wards, this encouraged some confusing analysis, too.

As at Twickenham, complaints were made that Wales denied Scotland the loose ball which they needed for such quick continuity, as is their hallmark, they said, strongly suggesting that it was in Wales's interests to slow down the pace of the match.

This is arrant and arrogant nonsense. Webster, Lewis and Bidgood, in particular, showed what energetic pace they preferred to play the game at and would themselves have liked, were they to be allowed it, a swifter return from maul and ruck. And yet at the same time. Sole twice repeated that this was Scotland's worst performance of the season. They cannot, surely, have it always. What on earth did they expect?

Wales have been the whip-ping boys: suddenly they are not. But some clearly still expect them to be so. Perhaps it is time for the opposition to admit that Wales no longer accommodate them with the soft underbelly they had planned for.

Wales, as Alan Davies, their coach, wisely keeps re-

BY PETER BILLS

THE increasing possibility of

a disciplinary point deducted

earlier in the season for the

non-registration of a player

costing Bath the Courage League title again filled the minds of the West Country-

men with dread in the Mid-

Bath went top of the first

division on a superior points

total with this victory but they

know Orrell and Northampton must drop points if they are to take the title. The mis-

take by a Bath official in

failing to register properly

one of their players who sub-

sequently appeared in a

league game could yet be the

Rowell, said: "It looks as

though that point could de-

cide it and no sport can be

Bath toyed with Rugby.

winning in a canter by three

goals, two tries and two pen-

alty goals to nil. There was a

though Bath played well only

Barnes kicked, guided,

linked, created and scored

points with an aplomb that

Rugby could only admire. Meanwhile, among the Bath

satisfied at that situation."

The Bath coach, Jack

deciding factor.

lands on Saturday evening.



Making the running: Hall, of Wales, cuts inside as Nicol, left, and Stanger await for Scotland at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday

to go. "But it is much easier," he said, "to learn from mistakes if the team is winning." For sure, he has already erased the word submission from their vocabulary. There may not yet be a solid backbone to the team but a skeleton is taking shape.

Let us also scotch another hare before it gets too far. But for the referee's curious decision, the argument ran on Saturday night, to call for a scrum and not allow Tukalo his try 15 minutes into the second half. Wales would not have won this their second

authority of a player destined

to achieve international sta-

penalties by Barnes, led 16-0 at half-time through De

Glanville's 80-yard intercept

try and Redman's crash-over

score. The second half was

iust as one-sided with tries by

Swift, Fallon and Robinson,

who finished off a classic

lineout tap move for the last.

Barnes kicked three conver-

sions, two from the touchline.

hard-won possession. Relega-

tion remains a possibility for

In other rearranged league

matches, Saracens surprised

Harlequins' weakened side

them if Nottingham revive.

Pell kicked away Rugby's

Bath, beginning with two

tus and sustain it.

Bath come to rue

official's error

international match of the season, lást achieved in 1988. The second knock-on, after the initial charge down of Jones's relieving kick, may be a borderline case. But that was the basis of the referee's decision. If Scotland felt they had been denied a potential six points here, these points were handsomely recouped by the referee's unawareness

Nicol knocked on before Chalmers's dropped goal in the first half. And if Stuart Davies was penalised for throwing punches, it was Sole, had the referee seen it. who landed the first one. With another three points from Chalmers's boot, some balance of errors was achieved. (To have "empathy with a referee is the present euphemism, by the way, not "playing the refer-ee", according to Scotland's

press conference).
This match lacked the snap and crackle usually associat-

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

THE fury and passion of

Cornish forward play, laced

with a stunning but unexpect-

ed exposition of back skills,

condemned Yorkshire to de-

feat in the ADT County

Championship semi-final at

Redruth on Saturday. Con-

tested without malice, the

rugged match provided an

eloquent advertisement for

England's oldest competi-

tion, which has at last found

an acceptable format.

Yorkshire.....

ed with this fixture. There were too many errors, the scrum was constantly disrupted and the ball invariably got stuck to the detriment of both teams, among the bodies. One flying flanker to win the ground ball might have made the difference to the flow. As it was, apart from the final quarter, Wales generally had the better of the contest and deserved to win on their cap-tain's 28th birthday. Often Scotland needed to thank the

leaping, two-handed catching of Weir when the posses-

game, scoring two tries from

the wings, Mead and Weeks, and exploited Yorkshire's in-

experience. Yorkshire fielded

only eight of the team beaten

29-20 by Cornwall in last

year's final, but fewer had

sampled the claustrophobic

atmosphere of Redruth,

where the crowd of 13,669

produced receipts in excess of

£40,000. Cornwall expect to

take 40,000 supporters to the

Twickenham final, against

Rutledge, the Yorkshire

goalkicker, missed three of his four attempts, while

Thomas landed five out of six

Lancashire on April 18.

defence. Aged 21, he is certainly a great prospect. The only break in the cata-logue of kicks was Webster's try. Jenkins and Hastings

sion mattered most in

had exchanged penalties before Chairners dropped his goal. Then Evans, counterattacking from Hastings's speculative kick upfield, stalled, found Williams-Jones in support and the prop swiv-elled and suddenly ran clear of the defence. His well-timed pass sent the Swansea flanker to the line, showing a clean

cover the match.

pair of heels to Lineen and Chalmers. Jenkins converted.

ed the game and in the sec-ond half the kicking continued, with both stand-

offs succeeding with a couple

of penalties each. In the last

ten minutes, the tension,

which had been lacking for

most of the game, was suddenly realised as Scotland desperately attempted to re-

This only momentarily lift-

from the flankers, Bick and

Williams, and the trium-

phant run and salmon-like

leap over the line by Mead.

Ireland lack the wherewithal to challenge peers

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

BRAVE words about spirit and a willingness to compete cannot conceal the poverty of Irish rugby at international level. They were unered by Ciaran Fitzgerald, the Ireland coach, who embodied those qualities as a player, but who knows they are not enough to offer a challenge to the world powers in the Nineties - Australia, New Zea-

land, England, France and, probably, South Africa.
The modern game requires a level of fitness, strength and pace, which Ireland, at the Parc des Princes on Saturday, simply did not possess. Sadly for all those who have admired Irish gallantry in defeat and grace in triumph, the French were not required to introduce any genius to impose a record margin of victory by five goals, two tries and two penalty goals to four penalty goals, sufficient to earn them second place in the five nations championship

behind England.
Fitzgerald will sit down with his fellow selectors on Wednesday to choose a party to visit New Zealand in May. At this stage of his country's rugby development, it is an unenviable task, though Philip Danaher, the captain, be lieves that "a couple of weeks in New Zealand will get

people tuned in to the type of rugby we want to play". First, though, there has to be a base and that was noticeable at the Parc by its ab-sence. Only five of those who played in the World Cup quarter-final against Australia last October remained and not one of the forwards had played in Paris before; neither the Irish scrum nor lineout was competitive and their loose play was a thing of dribs and drabs compared with the driving play of

Cabannes and his confreres. The French in springtime have been a joy to behold and here they had scope to in-dulge themselves. That included the provision of a guard of honour for the South African referee. Freek Burger. Burger responded with a certain amount of indulgence himself, notably when Lafond was allowed to start again after Geoghegan's tackle and but it made no difference to

the substance of the game. Ireland must have known

what was to come within the SCORERS: Comment: Tries: Meed, Weeks. Conversion: Thomas. Penalty goals: Thomas (4). Yorkshire: Penalty goals: Thomas (4). Yorkshire: Penalty goals: Ridiadge. CORNWALL: K Thomas (Redruth): A Meed (Redruth), C Listy (Neetin), M Brain (Cifton), D Weeks (Camborne); W Petars (Bath), R Nancativell (Northempton); J May (Redruth), B Andrew (Redruth), R Kess; (Redruth), B Andrew (Redruth), Capi), A Cook (Redruth), A Read (Bath), A-Bick (Penzance-Nevilyn), J Addinson (St. Nes).

Fenn breaks down

Navy's resistance

first two minutes: Murphy kicked direct to touch just outside his own 22. Penaud was allowed to double back behind the scrum and run through a disorientated back row for a try: he also initiated a 60-metre attack at the restart. So it continued: missed tackles which allowed the French to make far too much headway, errors of judgement, so that even when Rigney or Galwey mauled forward, the support was limited and the ball often lost.

The man to profit most was Viars, the French left wing who, at 20, may feel he now has the world at his feet. He established a championship record of 24 points with his two tries, five conversions and two penalty goals: the French record for the championship was set at 19 by Didier Camberabero against Ireland two years ago and the overall record shared at 22 between England's "Dan' Lambert (1911) and Jonathan Webb (1992).

Only twice has a higher score been recorded in the championship, both times by Wales against France, in 1910 (49 points) and 1909 (47). The Ireland management seemed happy that their team had not resorted to negative tactics, which ignored the absence of any positive qualities and of the defensive organisation by which any aspiring side must be judged. The French could point to lessons learned after the lack

of discipline against England and the lack of invention against Scotland; but on the day they faced no great demand on either. If they had not resorted to a series of chips in the final quarter and kept the ball in hand, they would surely have passed 50 points; as it was, there were greatly deserved tries for Cécilion and Cabannes, and for Sadourny, who is something of an art connoisseur. Blue may be his favourite colour and, for Ireland, this is truly a blue period.

Populmenti (Greystones), S. J. Smith (Ballymens), G. F. Halpin (London Irish), P. Hogan (Garryonen), B. J. Rigney (Greystones), M. J. Galwey (Shannon), M. J. Rizgilibon (Shannon), B. F. Robinson (Redispress)

Northern duel TWO northern schools

earned places in the Daily Mail under-18 final at Twickenham on April 4. In the first of two semi-finals at Castlecroft, Wolverhampton this weekend. Bradford Grammar School, beat St Olave's 26-0, while Mount St Mary's put out RGS High Wycombe, 21-12,

Lancashire keep target within reach

Cornwall play the running game

Cornwall broadened their for Cornwall, including a ame, scoring two tries from touchline conversion and a

with a 37-21 win at the Stoop.

Leicester were high scorers. Lancashire Hampshire.. too, sending forform Rosslyn Park closer to the second BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

division with a 51-16 victory at Welford Road. In the third division, Richmond went two points clear at the top of the table with a 28-13 victory over Headingley. SCORERS: Bett: Tries: De Glanville, Rectnan, Swift, Fallon, Robinson, Conver-sions: Barnes (3); Penalty goals: Barnes

eions: Barnes (3); remany guesa. Service (2).
RUGBY: M Mapletoft; E Saundors, S Glover, S House, O Wetson; R Pell, D Blahop; G Tregligas, J Aldwinckis, T Revan, M Elie, M Fleetwood, S Smith, A Ruddleson, M Charles.
BATH: J Barnesy; A Swift, P De Glarwille (rep S Knight), J Guscott, J Fellor, S Barnes, fi Hill, V Ubogu, G Dawe, J Malfert, S Cjornoh, M Hasq, N Radman, A Robinston, B Clarke.

and Harlequins, which could well decide the first division title, there would appear to be no doubt that the Orrell con-

LANCASHIRE moved closer to a memorable treble when they beat Hampshire in the ADT county championship semi-final at Blundellsands, having already reached the under-21 final and won the colts final at Twickenham. Now Lancashire meet Comwall at Twickenham on

tingent, 11 of which faced Hampshire, would opt to put club before county. that Saturday's semi-final would be an embarrassing mismatch were mistaken. Hampshire, though losers by a goal and a penalty to three

Those who had presumed goals, two tries and a penalty. were certainly not disgraced. The Short twins at half back. Guyatt, their captain and centre, and Roach, a predatory flanker, all impressed.

and the Hampshire pack will

long remember the remarkable ruck which they "walked" fully 35 metres, almost to the line, with the mighty Lancastrians for once in disarray.

final penalty goal which pa-

tently passed outside the post.

Raducanu and Croft im-

pressed as lineout jumpers

and Harrison, the Yorkshire

captain, posed a fleeting threat with his broken-field

running. But a succession of

uncertain links blighted

Yorkshire's game, with the

centres, Burnhill and

The appearance of Thomas

in a miss-move to produce

Cornwall's second try for

Weeks was equally as impres-

sive as their first, which grew

from Laity's break, support

Georgiou, fumbling.

Predictably, the two England players, Morris - playing at half throttle — and Heslop, had a field day, and Heslop's three tries, a reward for outstanding pace and elusivness, were only marred by his late injury sustained in a hard but perfectly fair tackie.

Lancashire, with wind advantage were soon pressing, and they led 19-3 at halftime. Hampshire could not win sufficient possession to harness the wind in the sec-

Ond half.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries: Heelop (3).
Classy, Karrick, Cornersions: Grayson (8).
Pensky post: Grayson Hempathre: Try:
Batas. Cornersion: Rowledge. Pensky
gost: Rowledge.
LANCASHIRE: S Taberner (Orreit): N
Helsop (Orreit, rep: A Perfex, Pytch), S
Langford (Orreit), rep: A Perfex, Pytch), S
Langford (Orreit): P Grayson (Presion Gresshoppers): D Morris (Orreit): M Hyoses
(Orreit, rep: D Sandford, Orreit), N Hyoshin
(Orreit), D Saustrern (Orreit, capid), D Clastry
(Orreit), N Albott, (Wataston), S Bibby
(Orreit), P Marriey (Orreit), M Kararick
(Sale).

HAMPSHIRE: R Rowledge (Besingshote): A
Wilson (Hevent), S Boydell (Havent), D
Guyett (Besingshote), capid, J Bates
(Havent); C Short (Hestequine), B Short
(Harvent); C Short (Hestequine), B Short
(Harvent); G Short (Hestequine), B Short
(Harvent); D Hoss
(Harvent), N Rosain
(Bashpystoles), S Morgant-(Harvent), A
Hill (Bashpystoles), S Morgant-(Harvent),
A Hill (Bashpystoles), (RFU). ond half.

THE Army will regain the inter-services title at Twickenham on Saturday if they beat the RAF. In the end, the Army's fifth successive defeat of the Royal Navy, also at headquarters, was convincing but never comfortable. - Indeed, the result was in doubt until Chris Wood's

Royal Navy.....

Army......16

By A CORRESPONDENT

from the end, which ended Navy's resistance. · Navy's first-half pressure saw them open with a penalty by the full back. Kevin

converted try eight minutes

Bethwaite, Army replied with a try by the wing, Steve Bartliff, which was answered with a try to the Navy wing. David Sibson.

It was another wing, however, who held the key to victory. John Fenn's secondhalf performance was inspired, and he scored one try before providing the opening for Wood's clinching score.

SCORETS: Royal Navy: Thy: Steam. Conversion: Bethweite. Penastry goal: Bethweite. Army: Tries: Bardiff. Fenn. Wood. Conversions: Walker (2). ROYAL NAVY: K J Bethweite; D J Sibson, R J Pestane, P Livingatione (rep: Horsey): N W Durham, M Cay, E J Cowle. M Leatherland, S T Triesch; I R W Armstrong.
H W Annettong.

ARMY: M Walker, S Bertiff, M Graham, W Bramble, J Fenr, A Dearns, S Pinder, D Coghlen, C Wood, J Fowers, D On Ewing, C: Buss, T Roother, G Richardson freb: S

RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES Five nations' championship 44 IRELAND Semi-finals

FRANCE France: Tries: Yars (2) Penaud (2). Cection, Cabannes, Sadoumy, Cons: Viars (5) Pens: Viars (2) Ireland: Pens. 15 SCOTLAND WALES

Wales: Tries: Webster Cons: Jenkins Pons: Jenkins (3) Scotland: Pens: Chalmers (2) G Hastings Dropped goals: Chalmers Courage Clubs Championship HARLEQUINS 21 SARACENS

Harlequins. Tries: Wedderburn. Fos. Glensfor Cons: Pears (3) Pen: Pears Sarsoons: Tries: Crawley Gregory Buckton. Cassell fludding Cons: fluding (4) Pens: Ruding (3) LEICESTER 51 ROSSLYN Ph. 16 Leicester: Tries: Underwood (3), Liloy (2), Amscough, Kardoori, Const. Liloy (7) Pens. Liley (3), Rosslyn Park: Tries. Whiting, Wyles, Moon Cons. Holder 2 O BATH

1 point deducted

Third division Richmond 28 Headingley ADT County Championship Semi-finals CORNWALL 22 YORKSHIRE Cornwall: Tries Mead, Weeks Con: Thomas, Peris: Thomas (4) Yorkshire: Peri: Rutlodge. LANCASHIPE 29 HAMPSHIRE Lancashire: Tries: Hoslop (3) Cleary. Kenrick Cons: Grayson (3) Pen: Grayson Hampshire: Try Bates Con. Rowledge Pen: Rowledge

Inter-services match ₽ Royal Navy

April 18. If the game should

coincide with the outstanding

Courage Clubs Champion-

ship match between Orrell

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP; Semi-finals: Bracknell 7, Bradford Salem 14, Wolverhampton) Bradford Grantnar School 25. St Claver 5, Mount St Mary s 21. RGS High Wycombe 12. Under-15: London Cratory 7, Loughborough GS n Skinner s 14, Rossell 8

iu L inst 21 String Co 29 Plymouth 27 Ayr 28 Newbridge 22 Glasgow HK 51 Edinburgh Ac 44 Abertillery 64 Langhalm

Bicester and Salem set up final rematch BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

NO DOUBT Bracknell and

Altrincham Kersal would beg to differ, but, from the early rounds of this season's Provincial Insurance Cup, it seemed inevitable that Bradford Salem, the holders, and Bicester, last spring's beaten finalists, would again meet at Twickenham.

In a tournament involving 512 clubs, it was improbable, but statistics take no account of determination or, indeed, experience. With those elements paramount on Saurday, both sides showed confidence in their ability,

refused to panic and turned round half-time deficits to earn a return date at headquarters on April 4, winning 14-7 and 15-6 respectively.

Playing with a strong wind at Coventry, Altrincham spent virtually the entire first half deep in Bicester territory. yet never threatened to pull away. Reliant on a ten-man game, they had problems with Clayton, Hopkins and the inspirational Bicester captain, Grater, in the lineout, and too many tactical kicks were misdirected.

A try in the right-hand corner by Leach, after a blindside break by Barton, was brilliantly converted — the ball toppled just before impact - by Pearson, but the normally reliable stand-off missed with three penalty attempts and it was more a case of when, rather than if, Bicester would take

Smith, the Bicester No. 10, kicked well throughout, but it was an impetuous late tackle on him just outside his 22 by Chester, a replacement, that finally turned the tide. The ball landed 60 metres downfield, Smith put over his third successful penalty and Bicester were away. A try wide on the left by Lineares,

command.

converted by Darren Cassidy, in the dying seconds sealed a good day's work. Also playing with the ele-

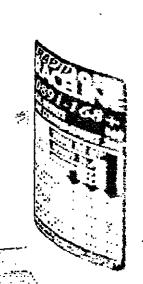
menis, at Beeston, Bracknell went 7-0 up after 15 minutes but Gannon, completing a second century of points in the competition for Salem, replied with a penalty goal before the break.

Ten minutes into the second half, Broady, the Salem scrum half, dummied his way into the corner to level and, with Bracknell forced to defend, Gannon, with a second penalty goal, and Klenk, after linking twice with Green, rounded things off.

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Zinbaq poised to repeat success in Folkestone sprint

JIMMY Quinn, still on cloud nine after winning the William Hill Lincoln on High Low, can follow up by landing the Aldington Handicap at Folkestone today on Zinbaq.

At this early stage of the season I favour horses who have shown that they come to hand early and Zinbaq did just that twelve months ago when landing the corres-ponding race by two lengths with 3lb less on his back.

John Benstead's sprinter also went on to win his next race at Nottingham where he accounted for that hardy an-

nual, Cronk's Quality.

In preparing Zinbaq for a second crack at today's prize, Benstead has followed precisely the same path that he took last year in that he has again given him a pipe-open-er on Lingfield's all-weather

Running for the first time last year after his winter's rest, Zinbaq finished fourth behind Predictable, Sarum and Orchard's Pet in the Goodwin's Handicap over seven furlongs on the Surrey

This time his third in the same race behind Appealing Times and Sarum, who had both won their previous races, was even more promising and he is my nap.

While Lester Piggott's many followers should certainly get a good run with Liffey River, who won on the track last July, I still feel that

COULD the winner of an

ordinary maiden race at

Doncaster be the horse to

topple the great Arazi this

Forest Tiger's ludicrously

easy victory on Saturday has

served only to confirm the

view held by the Green Forest

colt's trainer, Mohammed

Moubarak, that he, and not

Francois Boutin, possesses

the top three-year-old in

After watching Forest Ti-

ger's successful racecourse

debut in the Doncaster Exhi-

bition Centre Maiden Stakes.

Moubarak forecast: "This

horse will never be beaten. He

His claim is backed up by

is the best I have ever seen."

the knowledge that last sum-

mer Forest Tiger "literally de-molished" Made Of Gold on

the gallops before the subse-

quent Royal Lodge Stakes

winner finished second to

Arazi in the Prix de la

More recently Forest Tiger

has been easily beating older horses such as State Dancer

(narrowly beaten under 10

stone in a decent handicap on

Friday) without breaking into

sweat. "He has got so much

class, we don't know yet what

Moubarak is already think-

ing ahead to the day when his

star not only takes on Arazi

Soung: good 2.00 (5) 1, Other One (G Duffield, 25-1): 1 Totally Urique (11-2): 3, Greenwich Chalenge (25-1) Chummy's Fidand 2-1 tev 10 ran. 1941, rd. N Wright, Total: 231 40, E4.10, E1.60, E5.00 DF: 287 90. CSF, £149.70

CSF: £149,73, Imm 04,41eec.
2.30 (71) 1, Forest Tiger (L Dettori, 6-5 fax, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Rebel Call (6-1); 3, Klangon (25-1), 12 ran. 3%; 1%1 M Mouberak, Tote: £2.10, £1.10, £2.00, £5.10, DF: £5.00, CSF, £9.31, Imm 31,30sec
3.00 (1m) 1, Deros (A Munro, 9-1); 2, Tangith (5-1); 3, My Memoris (7-1), Man From Eldorado 5-2 fav 8 ran. Hd. 1%1 M/rs J. Ramsden. Tota: £9.60; £1.80, £1.70, £1.50, DF: £20.40 CSF; £48.00, Imm 43 17 sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result slood

Doncaster

he can do," the trainer added.

Salamandre at Longchamp.

As unlikely as it may sound,

MICHARI PHILLIPS

Kissavos constitutes the main threat to Zinbaq since he too , has been in form on the allweather tracks this winter.

If there is a trainer-jockey combination guaranteed to instil fear into the bookmaking fraternity, it is surely that of Neville Callaghan and Pat Eddery. Today they have a good chance of collecting with both Majed (1.45) and A A Bamba (4.45).

Majed, my selection for the Alkham Claiming Stakes, en-joyed a nice warm-up when finishing fifth at Southwell nine days ago while A A Bamba should relish the distance of the Kingsnorth Handicap since she is by Slip Anchor out of a mare by



Quinn: rides the fancied

Trainer believes Forest

Tiger can beat Arazi

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

but emerges victorious. "I

have been saying since last. July that this horse is very

special so that when the day

arrives and we beat Arazi it

won't be seen as a fluke,"

Moubarak said yesterday.

Forest Tiger's main target is the 2,000 Guineas for

which he is as low as 12-1.

His next race will be the

Craven Stakes, where he will

come up against Dr Devious.

Peter Chapple-Hyam's

Chapple-Hyam was im-

pressed by Forest Tiger's easy

win but pointed out vester-

day: "Dr Devious will go fast-

er down to the start than

those horses which ran be-

hind Forest Tiger."
Coincidentally, within min-

utes of Forest Tiger's win,

Steve Cauthen arrived at

Doncaster having flown back

from France where he worked

Cauthen is clearly excited

by the prospect of riding the

runaway Breeders' Cup Juv-

enile winner in European

races, starting with the Prix

Omnium II at Saint-Cloud

horse. The main reason I

wanted to go back and ride

him work was to see the

progress he had made from

one week to the next.
"He had improved quite a

bit and I think he is right on

5.15 (1m 6f 132yd) 1, Star Coust (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Line Drummer (10-1); 3, Equity Card (5-1), Sivewd Girl 11-8 fav. 13 ran, NF: Manzoor Seyadan, Hd, 29-1, J Jenkins, Tote: 24.50, £1.90, £3.60, £1.90. DF: £49.70, CSF: £38.96, Smin 18.22aec.

12.30 1, Cadency (100-30); 2, Diamond Cut (5-2 fav); 3, Arabsan Bold (17-2), 9 ran. 1.05 1, Glen Cherry (7-1); 2, Book Of Gold (2-1 fav); 3, South Histvest (11-2), 7 ran. 1.40 1, Snitton Lare (10-1); 2, Gaelstrom (14-2); 3, Swilly Express (10-1); 4, Miss Purbeck (16-1), Sendel 7-2 fav, 18 ran. 2.15 1, Kalogy (5-1); 2, Billy Bethigate (5-4 fav); 3, Bardesan (14-1) 18 ran. 2.45 1, Arctic Call (7-2); 2, Solidinaerook (7-2); 3, Fitth Amendment (100-30), Sparking Fisme 9-4 fav, 6 ran. 2.15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 1, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 1, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 1, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 2, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 3, Fitth Amendment (100-30); 3, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 3, Fitth Amendment (100-30); 3, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 3, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 2, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 3, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 3, 15 1, Street (Mr. 60-1); 4, Lusty Lucht (9-1); 5, 15 1, 15

ing Fiame 94 law, 6 rah.
3.15 1, Street Kid (50-1); 2, Lusty Lught (92); 3, Yorkshire Gaie (14-1). Seleah 11-8
fav 11 ran. NR. Woodhay Hill.
3.45 1, Riva (6-1); 2, Rosenness (14-1); 3,
Tudor Fable (9-4 law). 19 ran. NR: Caldaro,
Carabuck, Father Raiph, Wanderline,
Pleying Truant, Winter Squali

2.00 1, Paris Of Troy (12-1); 2, Mr Optimistic (15-8 tay); 3, Tipp Down (7-1); 18 ran.
2.30 1, Gardia's Gold (3-1 fay); 2, Reifel Map (8-1); 3, Messical Youth (14-1); 12 ran.

3.00 1, Radical Lady (2-1 (1-fav), 2, New Halen (8-1); 3, Bed Trade (8-1) Rinus 2-1

Halen (8-1); 3, Bed Trace (8-1) Farms 2-1 1,4av, 5 ma 3.30 1. Parsons Pleasure (7-1); 2, Sebel House (12-1), 3, Ultrason N (16-1); 4, Vale Of Scoresy (9-1), Johanny's Slipper, Ben Head 9-2 it-fava. 16 ren.

4.00 1, Welsh Bard (11-10 lav), 2, Circula-tion (10-1); 3, Passo Alf Erta (40-1) 7 ran. NR: Golden Fare

"I was very pleased with the

on April 7.

Newbury

Bangor

RESULTS FROM SATURDAYES

Arazi over 1500 metres.

Dewhurst Stakes winner.

Nijinsky. Derby winners

White Callaghan and Eddery will also be hopeful of winning the Rochester Grad-uation Stakes with Freddie Lioyd, who ran so well to finish sinth in the very valuable Racerall Gold Trophy at Redcar last autumn, I marginally prefer the Harry Thomson Jones-trained Isdar, who excelled when making a winning debut in the Windsor Castle Stakes at

Royal Ascot last June. On the jumping front at Hexham, Kambalda Rambler can be given a sound chance of winning the Acomb Novices' Chase, judged on the way he performed behind Merry Master at Carlisle last time. time, even allowing for the fact that today's race will be run over a shorter distance.

Fishin' Tackle, claimed for £26,090 out of Alex Scott's yard after winning three times on the Flat last year, has done sufficient in his two races over hurdles to suggest that he can reward his new connections in the Warden

Novices' Hurdle.
Finally, the Chesterwood
Maiden Hunter Chase looks
at the mercy of Roughside, whose performances in similar races at Ayr and Kelso give him an outstanding chance in this company.

Blinkered first time

course for his prep race. He's

a very intelligent horse, that is

the first thing that struck me.

in a canter and a light piece of

work. He is very relaxed and doesn't do any more than you

ask him. But when you ask

horses, he does it so effort-

not have any difficulty han-

"I think he is a very handy

wide round the bend at Chur-

chill Downs in the Breeders'

Cup but he was ripping

round that bend and he

might have seen something

and shied away from it. That

horse could go around any-

thing, he's so well balanced

Cauthen, who rode Affir-

med to victory in the Ken-

tucky Derby in 1978, will not

be able to ride Arazi in the

Churchill Downs showpiece

on May 2, but he is already

looking forward to Boutin's

three-year-old "coming back to Epsom for the Derby and

finishing up his campaign in Europe."

and adaptable."

Hexham

in the Ever Ready Derby.

"I rode him twice last week

MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS. 1.45 Majed. 2.15 In The Picture. 1.45 Breezed Well. 2.15 Bernie Silvers. 2.45 YATOO (nap). 3.15 A Little Precious. 3.45 Isdar. 4.15 Critical Mass. 2.45 Yatoo. 3.15 ZINBAQ (nap). 3.45 Isdar. 4.15 Christian Spirit. 4.45 A.A. Bamba. 4.45 Lady St Lawrence. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Malunar, 3.45 ISDAR (nap), 4.45 A A Bamba

GOING: SOFT (STRAIGHT COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (ROUND) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 ALKHAM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,284: 1m 1f 149yd) (14 runners) 14 (3) 8080-85 LADY BARAKA 51 (0) (K Moorcroft) | Campbell 4-8-10 A Mackey 88 BETTING: 5-2 Majed, 5-1 Rushtuan, 13-2 Bressed Well, 8-1 Jeager, 10-1 Molty Splash, Vicercy Gem, 12-1 Run Free, 14-1 Metternich, Great Imposter, 25-1 others. 1991: SAM THE MAN 4-8-7 W Newnes (8-1) Miss B Sanders 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIEEZED WELL 5th beaten 10l by Airticen Chimes (gave 12b) at Southwell (7f AW, standard). MAJED 5th beaten 7½ by Lord Hastie (rec 3th) at Southwell (7f AW, standard). MAJED 5th beaten 7½ by Lord Hastie (rec 3th) at Southwell (fin 4f, standard). MOLLY SPLASH 5th beaten 10l by Thunder Bug (gave 11b) here (fin 11 149yd, good). GREAT IM-FOSTER 6th beaten 12b) Battle Standard; (gave 15b) at Southwell (fin, standard). LADY BARAKA 5th beaten 14th by Premier Dance (gave 27b) at Specific Standard, gave 27b) at Lingsled (in 2f, standard).

(3-Y-O: £1,932: 1m 1f 149yd) (10 runners)

2.15 SHORNCLIFFE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

1991: LATOUR 9-0 M Roberts (5-6 tev) C Brittain 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERNIE SILVERS on penultimate 5th beaten 14½l
by Fair Cop (levels) at Royal Accot (6f, good).
HAWIGSH 5th beaten 12½i by Paper Clip (rec 5tb)
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HAWIGSH 5th beaten 12½i by Paper Clip (rec 5tb)
HAWIGSH 5th beaten 6½i by Eld (levels) at Yarmouth
(im, firm).
N THE PICTURE 10th of 18 to King's Loch (gave

2.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 92,226: 6f 189yd) (13 runners) Pat Eddery @ 99 BETTING: 11-4 Yatoo, 7-2 Life's A Breeze, 5-1 Hugging, Thinking Twice, 6-1 Bold Mood, 8-1 Preciou Wonder, 10-1 Sartiglia, 14-1 othera.

1991: YEAR OF THE DRAGON 9-0 J Williams (11-8) D Eleworth 10 ner FORM FOCUS

BOLD MOOD 10th of 13 to Mace Bid (rec 5tb) at Southwell (7f, standard). DARE TO DREAM 14th of 20 to Confroster (swels) here (6f, soft).

DILIUSH (8th beaten 22½ by Welliconthermoon (gene 2b) at Lingfield (7f, standard).

PORMAL INVITATION (set of 9 beaten 31! by Fair American (swels) at Lingfield (7f, good to firm).

LIFE'S A BREEZE 3rd beaten 6½ by Eastleigh 15 Selection: HUGGING

him to pick up and go past 3.15 ALDINGTON HANDICAP (\$2,363: 61) (17 runners) Interestingly, Cauthen has been impressed by Arazi's ac-tion and believes he would dling Epsom, should he run horse and he would go round anything. I know people com-mented about him coming

8 (15) 085690- GREY ILLUSIONS 219 (J Reditern) L Holt 4-9-3 ... C Avery (7) 9 (13) 19-0800 THE NOBLE CAX 23 (B.D.F.S) (M McCormeck M McCormeck 48-11 J Reid 10 (7) 24008-8 PIGALLE WONDER 80 (B) (A Whitting) W Holden 4-8-9 A Musro 11 (2) 100005- DAWN'S DELIGHT 1-45 (D.G.S) (K hory) K hory 14-8-8 ... F Cochrame 12 (6) 30000-9 ZNRARQ 13 (CD,G.S) (Mrs R Bakor) C Bensteed 6-9-3 J Quinn 13 (3) 000000/ SWING LUCKY 390J (S) (R Skegga) K hory 7-9-3 G Bardwell 14 (2) 6500- RISK ZONE-132 (Rickete Ltd) R Harmon 3-8-2 F Norton (5) 15 (15) 04003-5 DOMEANA 147 (C Buttery) M Blanshard 4-9-1 F Norton (5) 16 (11) 00400- COTTON BANK 81J (V) (E Whattrough) P Suiter 47-13 A Proud 17 (10) 2000- RED VERONA 170 (E Wheeler) E Wheeler 3-7-12 B Thomas (7) BETTING: 7-2 Makusar, 4-1 Zinbac, 11-2 A Little Precious, 13-2 Berlogen, 8-1 Kissavos, Liftey River, F Zone, 12-1 Dawn's Delight, 14-1 Domisras, 16-1 Others. ___ B Thomas (7) 91 1991; ZINBAQ 5-8-0 T Wittems (9-1) C Benstand 18 ran

THUNDERER MANDARIN RICHARD EVANS 3.30 FETTUCCINE . 2.00 Kambakia Rambier. 2.00 Kambalda Rambler. 2.30 Fishin' Tackle. 2.30 Fishin' Tackle. 3.00 Black Spur. (nap). 5.00 Benghazi. 3.00 Grey Minstrel. 3.30 Fettuccine. 3.30 Celtic Breeze 4.00 Opening Overture.
4.30 How Majestic. 4.00 Dancing Days. 4.30 Roughside. 5.00 Nothing To Declare. 5.00 Village Reindeer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 FETTUCCINE. Brian Beel: 4.30 How Majestic.

Point-to-point, page 35 GOING: HEAVY 2.00 ACOMB NOVICES CHASE (£1,883: 2m) (9 runners) 2 313P3 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 17 (S) (Mrs J Dudgeon) C Parker 8-11-10
484031 SPARK OF PEACE 2 (CD.G.S) (W Cahal) P Blockley 10-11-10
5 08-0F3 ABITBIZARRE 16 (C Parker) C Parker 6-11-3
4 CLASSIC MINISTREL (J Brachume) Mrs S Bradbume 8-11-3
5 000P CROWN SOLD 37 (Mrs S Barclay) D Moffalt 7-11-3
6 14-3005 MILITARY HONOUR 11 (B.G) (O Hillon Cox) M W Easterby 7-11-3
7 5P/00- THE FIRST DIVIDE 522 (Mrs S Forsier) K Olivor 6-11-3
8 6P-2U45 WAYSIDE BOY 80 (E Madden) G Richards 7-11-3
9 0/POP/P LITTLE HANNAH 13 (W Smith) W Smith 9-10-12 Times (50-1). Oriel Dream 5-2 fev. 16 ren. NR: The Last But One, The Hacklebuck. 5.00 (, Fourth in Une (7-2); 2, Paleshham (6-1); 3, George Lane (10-1). The Rem-bling Man 3-1 fev. 16 ren. B Storey 96
P Midgley (5) ● 99
Mr A Parker (7) 79
Mr J Bradburne — D J MoHatt (7) PTEXTIAIT!

2.15 1, Sansool (B-T); 2, Nothing To Deciare (B-T); 3, Man's Best Friend (7-4 tay).

18 ran. NP: Addington Lad.

2.50 1, Abercromby Chief (7-1); 2, Just Pretend (14-1); 3, Mister Moody (3-1).

Another Dyer 5-tev. 11 ran.

3.25 1, Mrs Javeleylord (7-2); 2, Another Fountain (25-1); 3, Future King (6-1).

28jo's-Ster 100-30 tay. 17 ran. NP: Blakeholms, Vicaridge, Moonlight Run.

4.00 1, Candy Cone (7-1); 2, Melic Rain (B-1); 3, High Edge Grey (5-1); Brandy Plantfor 7-4 fav. & Eun. NP: He Who Dares Wins, Bow Handy Meni, Foston, Remehaw Wood.

4.30 1, The Laughting Lord (9-2); 2, BETTING; 7-4 Kambalda Rambler, 5-2 Spark Of Peace, 5-1 Waysida Boy, 7-1 Military Honour, 14-1 others. 1991; WAIT YOU THERE 6-11-10 A Orkney (5-4 lav) H Alexander 7 ran 2.30 WARDEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m) (19 runners)

P05/0 HUNTING COUNTRY 70 (D Harrison) J J O Neil 8-11-3 LOVING OMEN 178F (Mrs F Buchanan) Mss, Z Green 5-M Dwyer P Niven --83 M Buckley (7) G McCourt C Grant Mr S Swiers T Reed L O'Here F Perratt (7) F Parratt (7)

K Jones
P Waggott (7)
J Supple (7)
D Poole (7) SOVEREIGN NICHE 13 (D.G) (N Miler) N Miler 4-10-9.

10 TOUCHING TIMES 85F (Dr D Nandy) J Grien 4-10-9.

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10 WATSON HOUSE 10 (Mrs C Smith) R Bastman 4-10-9.

11 ZINGER 56 (K Patinson) Mrs J Barctay 4-10-9.

12 PO BREAKFAST RIDE 10 (B Thornley) B Thomby 4-10-4.

12 CLASSIC RING 37 (J Charlton) J Charlton 4-10-4.

12 RASSHA 2095 Of McCharlton J McCure 4-10-4.

13 RASSHA 2095 Of McCharl D McCure 4-10-4. . A Orkney N Doughty R Marley A Merrigan RABSHA 269F (D McCune) D McCune 4 10-4 EETTING: 6-4 Fishini Tackle, 7-2 Family Line, 7-1 Charlycia, 8-1 Sovereign Heights, 10-1 No Decision. Thats 1991: POSSETIVE PLANT 6-11-8 L O Hara (11-8 (av) L Lungo 12 ran

3.00 ANICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,071; 2m 4f) (7 runners) 0-PP02P WHY SO HASTY 9 (D.F.S) (Black Horse Racing) M Chapman 11-12-0 32P13P BLACK SPUR 11 (CD.F.G.S) (J Gabeon) J Charlon 10-11-0. 32P131 GREY MINSTREL 16 (D.G.S) (J Madeley) Denye Smith 8-10-9 A Orkney B Storey 32P131 GREY MINSTREL 16 (D.G.S) (J Madeley) Denye Smith 8-10-9.

154431 LOCAL CUSTOMER 28 (B.D.F) (J Gordon) M Hammond 7-10-7.

133S2P NORTHERN MEADOW 32 (F.S) (S Chadwick) 3 Chadwick 11-10-6.

3-5403F REIVER'S LAD 11 (D.G) (J Wiston) F Walton 11-10-5.

R Hodge (5)

32463F STEPFASTER 82 (CD.BF,F.G) (J Wiston Walker) W A Stephenson 7-10-4.

C Grant BETTING: 9-4 Local Customer, 11-4 Grey Ministrel, 4.1 Steptaster, 8-1 Rever's Lad, 10-1 Black Spur, Northern Meadow, 12-1 Why So Hasty. 1991: SHOON WIND 8-12-0 P Nivers (5-2) M Hammond 4 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS R Hodge N Doughty C Grant M Dwyer L Wyer P Niven

FORM FOCUS

MALUNAR 2nd besten 11/61 by Resolute 8ay (giave 24b) at Chester (6f 18yd, good). A LITTLE PRE-CIOUS best recent form when besting Sully's Choice (tevela) 3I et Hamilton (6f, good). LIFFEY RIVER most recent form when 5th beaton 44ki by Very Dicay (gave 3b) at Salisbury (5f, good to firm) BARLOGAN on penultimate run 4th beaten 81/61 by Oh Mercy (levels) at Leicester (1m, good to firm), KISSAVOS 6th beaten 43ki by Pytchley Night (gave 20tb) at Lingfield (1m, standard). DAWN'S DELIGHT 5th beaten Si by Quick Flash (rec 11tb) with A LITTLE PRECIOUS (gave 12b) 4th beaten 2½1 at Yarmouth (7f, good to soft). ZINBAQ 3rd beaten 2¼1 by Appealing Times (gave 12b) at Lingfield (7f, stendard). DOMMANA 5th beaten 4¾1 by Miss Beil Ringer (rec 2b) at Leicester (5t 218yd, firm).

Selection: DAWN'S DELIGHT

3.45 ROCHESTER GRADUATION STAKES (52,259: 51) (6 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Freddie Lloyd, 3-1 isder, 7-2 Arctic Appeal, 5-1 Asthruthenight, 12-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 9th of 11 to Magic Ring (gave 3b) at Ascot (Group iii 5i, pood); earlier beat Lewiswood Prince (tevels) iki at Wolverhampton (5i, cood).

Tib) at Chester (6i 18yd, good to scrip). ISDAR on penulti mate 3rd beaten 4ki by Commanche Dancer (ro 7b) at Chester (6i 18yd, good to tirm). ARCTI APPEAL 3rd beaten 3vit by Yallil (rec 5ib) at Chester (6i 18yd, good to soft).

REDDUE LLOYD 2nd beaten 11 by lealth (gave 12b) with lader (gave 18b) 6th beaten beaten 5vit Selection: ALLTHRUTHENIGHT

4.15 HEADCORN MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £1,932: 5f) (8 runners)

JAZITINA (M Haynes) M Haynes 89..... PETITE LASS (T Mils Lid) W Carter 8-9 D Toole (7) stian Spirit, 7-2 Critical Mass, 13-2 Polity Prince, Huesca, 8-1 George Roper, 10-1 others 1981: VANBOROUGH LAD 9-0 J Williams (40-1) M Heynes 9 ran

FORM FOCUS CHRISTIAN SPIRIT (toaled April 15) by Petong out of Hidden Asset, who showed no wordtwhile form. CRITICAL MASS (toaled Mar 2) by Petong out of CRITICAL MASS (toaled Mar 2) by Petong out of CRITICAL Mass (toaled Mar 2) by Petong out of CRITICAL Mass (toaled Mar 2) by Petong out of CRITICAL Mass (toaled Mar 2) by Petong out of CRITICAL Mass (toaled Mar 19) by Risk Me, avenile winner and Specific 71 two-year-old winner. From a stable in excellent form.

GEORGE ROPER (toaled Apr 26) by Hortoot, the

4.45 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,304: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1991: RARE DETAIL 6-13 L Piggott (3-1 fav) Mrs L Piggott 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

JACK BUTTON 4th besten 7/4i by Castillet (fevels) at Nottingham (1m 1f). SLIGHT RISK 2nd beaten 7i by Rosa Why (rec 12b) at Lingfield (1m 2f). LADY ST LAWRENCE on penultimate 3rd beaten 7i by Rosa Why (rec 12b) at Lingfield (1m 2f). LADY ST LAWRENCE on penultimate 3rd beaten 7i by Rosa Why (rec 12b) at Lingfield (1m 2f), standard). COLOURING BAMBA (rec 5b) at Lecester (1m 1f 2f8yd seler, good to firm). AMAZON EXPRESS 4th beaten 19/4 by SLIGHT (evels) at Lingfield (1m 2f, standard). COLOURING BOOK 3rd beaten 10 by ALTERNATION (gave 7ib) at Lingfield (1m 2f, standard). Selection: SLIGHT RISK **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS

N Callaghan Mrs L Piggoti P Cole J Berry M McCormeck C Brittain

Maguire picks Cool Ground ADRIAN Maguire confirmed yester- National with Ladbrokes, who report

day week (Richard Evans writes). Maguire, who gained a sensational Gold Cup victory on Toby Balding's chaser 11 days ago, had originally

said he would partner Omerta, on whom he won the Irish National last season. However, Omerta has yet to run this season due to niggling setbacks.

but he can only ride one horse. Had Omerta had a normal preparation, Adrian would have ridden him." Martin Pipe said yesterday he was still hopeful that Omerta would run, along with Bonanza Boy and Hunt-

worth. 8-1) and Cool Ground 8-1 for the fresh.

day that he will ride Cool Ground rather than Omerta in the Martell Grand National at Aintree on Satur-William Hill Lincoln. The Doncaster race turned out to

be something of a family affair as High Low, trained by William Haggas, made all the running on the stands side to defy Mudaffar, ridden by the trainer's father-in-law, Lester Piggott.
High Low was highly regarded by

Haggas last year but, after an odds-Dave Roberts, the jockey's agent, on flop at Southwell, the trainer

"He came back and coughed for a long time after that race." Haggas explained. "He was very ill so we set about getting him right and then trained him for this race."

High Low was subsequently gelded and is now likely to be aimed for the Twin Oaks is 7-1 favourite (from Royal Hunt Cup as he goes best when

3.30 ASHINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,523: 3m) (12 runners)

1 022141 CELTIC BREEZE 11 (V.CD.G.S) (H Gelharg) M Naughton 9-11-10 J Callaghan 2 43/1/4S SPRINGVALE CRUSADE 370 (S) (New Springvale Co-Operative Ltd) R Fisher 9-11-7 R Hodge (S) 4/01-400 EQUATOR 16 (S) (J Blacklock) J Haldane 9-11-5 C Ewart 1 Ltmp 7-11-5 C Ewart 60 83 63 Long handicap: Clondrollid 9-12, Justice Lea 9-10, Enchanted Court 8-12

BETTING: 3-1 Fertuccine, 7-2 Invertinate, 4-1 Celtic Breeze, 6-1 Carousel Calypso, 8-1 Justice Lea 10-1 Lady Remainder, Scingovale Crusado, Trebonkers, 14-1 others. 1991: DAWN COYOTE 8-11-2 J Corkell (10 1) Mrs S Bradburne 11 ran

4.00 LOWGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,383: 2m) (13 runners)

(£1,383: 2m) (13 runners)

1 333322 DANCING DAYS 14 (J Parkes) J Parkes 6-11-10

2 634680 THES AMIGOS 9 (D.F) (N Peacock) R Woodhouse 5-11 6

3 050 FENWICK 44 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-1

4 04F643 ROYALIST 7 (B) (T Dawson) Miss J Barclay 6-11-0

5 1-6-25 STRAIGHTASANARROW 19 (D.B.F.) (S Vossey) Miss J Barclay 5-10-12

6 0P-000P FINDOGLEN 100 (Ben Courts & Friends) K Oliver 6-10-5

7 30P654 ROSTOVOL 7 J Lumisident D Franks 7-10-4

8 06F6-00 NO FRILLS 34 (F Watson) J Johnson 7-10-2

9 0P40 MANSE KEY GOLD 20 (S Raddaffe) R Bastiman 5-10-2

10 00/F 0PENING OVERTURE 23 (Mrs & Ramsderi) C Allen 6-10-0

11 F00-P00 BELLA BANUS 32 (D.G.S) (S Globons) J Brikell 10 10-0

12 00P/00P SNEVES 350 (V) (T Andsews) S Kellewrol 7 10-0

13 000006 ANOTHER MARCH 7 (C Dobs on J Brikell 16-10-0

Lond handicasi: Coening Overture 9-13 Bella Barus 9-13 Sneves 9-12 Another March H Bastiman (5) Long handicap; Opening Overture 9 13 Bella Banus 9 13, Sneves 9-12 Another March 9-8 BETTING: 3-1 Royalist 7-2 Straightasenarrow, 4-1 Manse Key Gold, 9-2 Tres Amigos, 5-1 Dancing Days, 10-1 Ferninck, 12-1 Rostovol, 16-1 others

1991: SEMINOFF 5-10-1 M Moloney (20-1) P Monloth 13 ran

4.30 CHESTERWOOD MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £952: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

MOW CREEK (W Everett) Mrs S Bradburne 8:12:0 2 0-0F402 QUERRIN LODGE 16 (Mrs A Swinteria) Mrs A Swint 3 0/P/U4P RARE FIRE 502 (Mrs J Askew) J Askew B 12:0 77 3 0/P/U4P- RARE FIRE 502 (Mrs. J. Askew) J. Askew B-12-0
4 23 ROUGHSIDE 31 (A Meclaggari) A Mactaggari 7-12-0
5 PP0/00-P SOPHARME 16 (M Sams) M Sams 6-12-0
6 PU SPACE SOVEREIGN 7 (8) (C Hestop) C Hestop 9-12-0
7 00050/ TH'OILMEN 1183 (G Gingell) G Gingell 9-12-0
8 0-TIBER RUN 366 (B McNechol B McNechol 7-12-0
9 40FU/ CHESNUT AIR 1459 (Mrs. I Hadden) Mrs. I Hadden 11-11-9
10 P65UPP DROVERS ROAD 7 (E Victors) E Victors 11-11-9
11 3P22-44 HOW MAJESTIC 28 (P Lee) P Warner 8-11-9
12 6- MAIORO 269F (Mrs. I Hadden) Mrs. I Hadden 6-11-9.
13 00400/2 RUN PET RUN 16 (J Bock) P Monterin 7-11-9 D Mactaggart (5) • 99 S Hesiop (7) S Whataker (7) H Finnegen (7)
P Richmond (7)
J Murray (7) J Pritchard (7) 88 00400/2 RUN PET RUN 15 IJ Bock P Monterin 7-11-9
5P SCALLY'S LADY 13 IS Pritendingh 5 Pritendingh 7-11-9
2P WILD CHILD 26 (H Fieldher) H Fieldher 9 11-9 S Lyons (7) S Pittendrigh (7) N F Smith (7) BETTING: 5-2 Roughside, 3-1 Which Child, 7-2 Run Pet Run, 4-1 Rare Fire, 5-1 How Majestic, 7-1 Querm Lodge 14-1 Scally 5 Lady, 20-1 others.

1991: BRONZE HEAD 13-12-1 N Wilson (11-2) A Bonas 6 ray

5.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,502: 2m 4f) (16 runners) T Reed 80 6 834643 SAGE BRUSH 7 (Macs A Smith) 8 Wisterson 6-10-8
8 305100 FIRE 'N' FURY 30 (S) (W Storey) W Storey 6-10-4
9 5-5F51 WIMMY MAC JIMMY 48 (S) (J Craigh Mass L Penalt 5-10-3
10 6/03022 NOTHING TO DECLARE 2 (B,S) (P Ryan) A Reid 8-10-2
12 503546- TILDEN PARK 277 (Mrs B Cooney) J Parket 6-10-1
13 3PPP-UP ALAICBRUN 145 (Mrs B Cooney) J Parket 6-10-1
14 0012F2 AL SABAK 13 (B.D.S) (M Miller) N Miller 4-10-0 R Garmty B Stores K Hartnett (7) • 99 R Hodge (5) —

J Supple (7) 15 08-092R TRENTSIDE VALOUR 7 (V) (J Payne) C Smith 7 10-0 16 053454 CAPTAIN MANNERING 9 (P Brazier) L Code 7 10-0 Long handicap. Al Sabak 9-12 Trentside Valour 9-6. Captain Mannering 9-5 BETTING: 7-2 Allan Of Honout, 5 1 This Nettle Danger, 6-1 Benghazi, 7-1 Al Sabak, 8-1 Be 10 1 Regan, 12 1 Tidden Park, 14 1 others 1991: OUR HERO 8 10 0 K Doolan (20 1) W Storey 13 ran

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M Dwyer 36 37 34 2 - 88.73
D Murphy 43 36 34 8 -80.92
N Doughty 43 36 17 5 72.85

Wood,
4.30 1, The Laughing Lord (9-2); 2, Crosshot (4-1); 3, Sallylord (13-8 lav), 12 ran. NR: Sizeri Filing.
5,00 1, Buckle R Up (33-1); 2, Watertight (9-4 lav); 3, Macho Man (11-4); 10 ran. NR: Mucho Cr Money.
5,20 1, Spark Of Pesce (100-30); 2, Pura Money (7-4 lav); 3, Jesters Prospect (4-1).
5 ran. NR: Stage Fell, Night Gueel.

2.20 1, Kirby Opportunity (15.8 fav); 2, Safor Boy (8-1); 3, John Shaw (4-1); 8 ran. 2.50 1, Educated Pet (8-1); 2, Inswinger (3-1 fav); 3, Rushanes (100-30), 8 ran.

(37 ray), 3, manages (1000), 5 mil. 3.20 1, Munday Dean (7-2); 2, Casplan Beluga (4-1); 3, Modesto (5-2 fav), 7 ran. 3,50 1, Cellito (100-30); 2, lipellante (8-1); 3, 8's Chip Money (7-1). Cranfield Corpet 40-85 fav. 6 ran.

4.20 1, Great Half (9-1); 2, High Success (2-1); 3, Easy Dose It (11-10 fav), 4 ran.

4.50 1, Dazzle The Crowd (2-1 fav); 2, Awesome Power (6-1); 3, Beau Dada (5-1). 9 ran.

Lingfield Park

Wimbledon force Old Trafford stalemate

United in danger of letting goal slip from sights

Manchester United Wimbledon

By IAN ROSS

MANCHESTER United's inability to convert what few chances they are creating may yet prove to be their undoing. Having seen his side outplayed by Leeds United the previous weekend, Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was admirably placed to deliver a verdict on the likely outcome of United's pursuit of a first League championship in 25 years.

I have a fancy for Leeds because they are a much more powerful outlit; bigger and more direct," he said. "The Old Trafford pitch is like a beach in the middle and that certainly cannot be help-ing them. We rode our luck but we could of won it in the

Manchester United's League form has been so indistinguished of late - just Il goals in their last 12 fixtures — that it is difficult to

disagree with Kinnear. Despite out-playing, outthinking and out-manoeuvring opposition whose

ambition stretched no further than basic self-preservation. United's lack of penetration was alarming. But for the diligent prompting of Webb and Ince in midfield, the interest of a crowd, which was to voice its disapproval at the final whistle, would have been prematurely ended.

Although a policy of lifting the ball skywards and leaving the ferocious wind to increase the menace of passes always threatened to manufacture a decisive opening, on the few occasions Hughes and McClair did profit, their con-trol, perhaps understandably in the conditions, was awry.

The one sure way to successfully combat an unpredictable wind is to treat it not as an enemy but as an ally. By shooting at every avail-

able opportunity, irrespective of the distance which separated ball and target. United not only penned Wimbledon back in their own half for long periods but also began to compile a catalogue of pre-sentable openings, which were invariably transformed into near misses

As United's mounting ap-prehension began to get the better of them, Wimbledon,

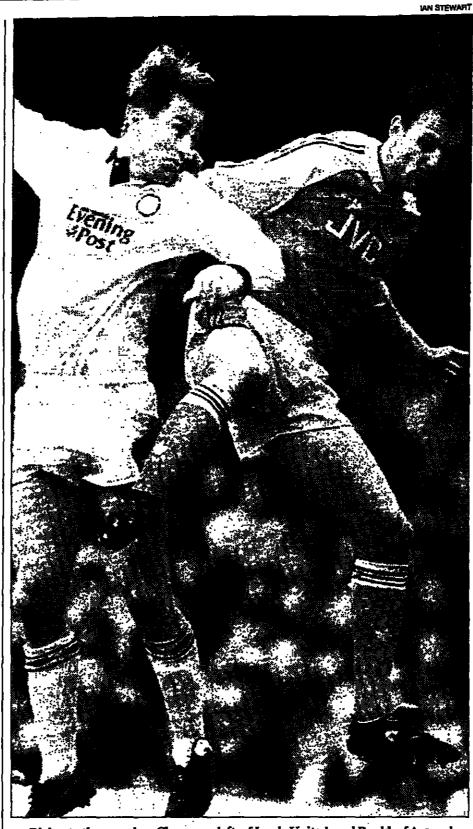
no doubt sensing an upset. began to venture forward. tentatively at first but with increasing conviction as the game entered its last quarter.

The words "frustrating" and "predictable" peppered the conversation of Alex Ferguson, the United manager, afterwards but any sense of disappointment will have been tempered by the knowledge that his side could actually have surrendered all three points.

As a shabby spectacle en-tered its final five minutes, Wimbledon, more by invita-tion than design, contrived to create the best two chances of the entire afternoon.

After Phelan had skipped clear of a static defence to fire a shot straight at Schmeichel, Clarke, a second-half substitute, broke clear down the centre only to suffer a similar fate at the hands of a goalkeeper whose speed of thought more than matches his athleticism.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Scim Blackrone, D Irwin, S Bruce, N W. L. Sherpel, G. Palleter, A Kanch Ince, B McCaler, M Hughes, R Ge WIMBELEDON: H Segure, N A Phelan, W Berton, J Scales, S Fitz Miller, R Earle, A Newhouse (sub: , L Sanchez, P McGee. Referete M Pack.



Rising to the occasion: Chapman, left. of Leeds United, and Bould, of Arsenal, go for a cross during the 1-1 draw at Highbury yesterday. Report, page 36

Tottenham rue their luck

Tottenham Hotspur...... 1 By PETER BALL

THE adage says that if you

win when not playing well, you're a good team. On Saturday, worryingly for them, Tottenham played well and lost. They eventually deserved better than defeat, only to be denied by one appalling refereeing decision, perhaps

They have now not won for 15 games, a run which has seen them plunge to nine-teenth, only four points clear of Luton in the third relegation spot. They have games in hand, but if you can't win them, they are of little value.

Tottenham are having little luck. It is bad enough having to face Liverpool without losing your one proven goalscorer, but to then overcome a convincing fightback, only to have at least a point snatched from your hands. could convince you that the world is against you.

Yet self-pity would not be entirely justified. Although Tottenham rallied with a conviction which augurs well for their struggle, the game could have been over by half-time. Saunders should have scored from the best move of the game after 35 seconds, but a sidefoot volley flew over the bar from six yards, and that

set the tone for the half.
"We felt at half-time we'd dominated the game, but the gaffer said we'd better start scoring or they might pinch it 1-0," Saunders said. He duly obliged, reaping the reward for persistence as Fenwick was betrayed by the high wind into error.

At that, Tottenham began, belatedly, to play. Walsh came on to support Stewart, who had an excellent game back in his old position, give ing Tanner an uncomfortable afternoon and equalising by bravely plunging in front of Grobbelaar as Fenwick head-

ed back Edinburgh's cross. Then came controversy. Rush blocked Edinburgh's clearance. Thorstvedt shepherding the ball to safety as

Saunders pursued it. Incomprehensibly, a corner was awarded. Half cleared, it was put back in, and with Totten-Burrows's miscue ran to Saunders, who scored simply.

Television evidence on the goal was inconclusive, but on the corner there could be no debate. "We give what we see," Milford said in

"The linesman gave a corner in good faith, and if Liverpool score from that we can't help it. Players make mis-takes too — the first goal came from a pass by a Spurs player, and I played a great advantage for Spurs's equaliser, but nobody mentions that."

Spurs were not mollified. They look too good to go about Sheffield Wednesday

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Third division

West Ham hit by Allen double

West Ham United.......... 2 Queen's Park Rangers . 2 BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THERE are so many Allens on the football scene that it is hardly surprising if confusion frequently reigns. "Sometimes I end up calling Bradley 'Clive' in training," the ager, Gerry Francis, said at Upton Park on Saturday.

If Francis is sometimes confused by his own player, the younger brother of the free-scoring Clive, then what chance has the opposition's defence? Certainly West Ham's looked bewildered by possibly priceless goals to the recociously-talented Allen. His cousin, Martin, on the

other side, was not so fortunate. He had a goal disal-lowed and was the first of fourmen booked. Two other firmly-struck drives were worth goals, but they did at least lead to the goalscoring efforts from Small and Breacker that it west riam meir

Allen's disallowed goal apart, it was not a day on which West Ham could claim they were unlucky. Where the Rangers passing game is improving all the time, West Ham's has deteriorated to the point that relegation looms. WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

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Bradley Allen's goals, the first after he bamboozled three defenders, came when the game needed not so much another goal as a bonds-provoked pitch invasion. Sated by their point, West Ham followers decided against a protest, leaving the Allens to say nice things about each other and Martin to go home and await the imminent arhopefully a baby girl.

WEST HAM UNITED: L. Mildoein Brown, J. Dicks, A. Gele, C. Foster, K. K. (sub: T. Breacker), J. Staftop (sub: Thomas), F. McAvennie, M. Small, M. Alle Stater. CULEEN'S PARK RANGERS: J Stajaksi: D Berdsley, C Wilson, A Impey, D Peacock, A McDonald, R Wildns, I Hollowey, L Ferdinand, B Allen (auto: S Berker), A

B and Q Scottish League

Luckless Luton slip perilously close to the drop

Southampton ... Luton Town.

BY CLIVE WHITE

FOR a manager who had just seen his team denied its first away win in 12 months by two dubious refereeing decisions and, quite possibly, their best chance of avoiding relegation disappear, David Pleat was in a remarkably philosophical mood. It was almost as if he knew something we did not.

The truth is, as a realist like Pleat knows only too well, there are not many, if any, rabbits left in the Hatters' hat. It is surely tempting providence to say it, but Luton, the club which has escaped the drop in each of the past three seasons by winning its final game, has all but run its first-division course.

If Luton were to survive, or at least provide a glimmer of hope of doing so, this was the match they needed to win. At half-time, everything pointed to them doing so. A goal up after 50 seconds through a superbly struck free kick by Mark Pembridge, they seemed in little danger of conceding their advantage against a Southampton team suffering acute FA Cup depression, cowering from the abuse hurled at it by its own supporters and bereft, by

choice, of Le Tissier. Luton, however, could not have bargained for the part that Clive Wilkes, the Gloucester referee, would play in their downfall.

Luton's substitution of the injury-prone James, who sufered a cracked cheekbone in the 58th minute, and, two minutes . earlier, Southampton's introduction of the lively Powell in place of

Horne, precipitated the home team's first signs of life. Dowie became the 66th Saint to be booked this season for venting his anger on Stein when Mr Wilkes turned down his appeal for a penalty after being tripped by Pembridge But he and his colleagues were not to feel miffed with officialdom for

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Day was penalised for handling outside his area, and having pushed Ruddock's free kick on to a post and away for a corner, the goalkeeper, who is on loan to Luton, appeared to be impeded following Powell's kick and Shearer headed home.

With Luton's lines of communication down in defence. was almost inevitable that the points, for the eighth time this season, should be snatched from their mouths in the closing minutes. Poor Day must have thought there was a conspiracy against him, as Dowie was allowed to follow up a shot by Shearer in the fist minute with a raised boot, while the latter lay on the ground beyond Day in a blatantly offside position. Ian Branfoot could afford a

wry smile as he watched a rerun of the deciding goal on television. The manager of the Football League's most indisciplined team had criticised referees in his programme notes, calling for "professionals" to be placed in charge. Nor was it the afternoon's only irony. The score which most seemed to please Branfoot was the one which read Southampton one booking, Luton five.

SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers: J Kenn Bensi, B Horne (suit: L Powell), K Moo Ruddock, M Gilles, G Cockerli, A She IDowie, T Hurtock.
LUTON TOWN: M Day; J James (suit-Hughes), R Henvey, C Kemara, J Drey Peales, J Rees, B Shain (suit: B Williams Harlord, M Perobridge, D Presco.

Sad week for Chelsea finishes on low note

WITH two players sent off and a Cup defeat in their two previous matches, Chelsea completed a miserable eight days on Saturday (Peter Ball writes). They went down to a pair of goals by Dane Whitehouse as Sheffield United gained some revenge for their own Cup exit at Stamford

Bridge. points clear of the bottom three, and have games in hand. It was a good weekend for Sheffield all round, Hirst's goal 16 minutes from time giving Wednesday a win over luckless Notis County.

The result gave Wednesday a firm grip on third place as

City became Nottingham Forest's second Manchester victims in four days. Forest are on a roll, their fourth consecutive win lifting them up to seventh.

Norwich are also enjoying themselves and followed their Cup victory over Southampton by coming out ahead in a seven-goal thriller with

Aston Villa would have been grateful for just one of those seven goals, a 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace extending their run to seven league games without a win. Oldham were rather more pleased with their point away

to Covenity.

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SERVIE SLAVEN made the most dramatic move up the scorers' tables with three goals against Brighton. Saunders moved level with Wright on 23 goals in the first division as the pack including Shearer. Small and Chapman made up ground on Lineker. I pswich pipped Portamouth as the cleanest learn following a booking at Oxford. Southampton annahn way out in front on the Four Play chart with 71 offences after five bookings and two sendings-off in a week. First cereacy
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Cambridge suffer as Beck sticks to numbers game

Cambridge United 1 Ipswich Town

By LOUISE TAYLOR

NEIL Lanham's statistical analysis of games, which was successfully employed by both Wimbledon and Sheffield United as they reached the first division, may yet help project Cambridge United into the Premier League.

Lanham's notebook was

packed with figures on Saturday. "I'll put them through the computer and go over the game with John Beck, the

HOW might Kenny Dalglish cope with the pressure of the play-offs? Having lost 2-0 at

home to Charlton Athletic on

Saturday, his Blackburn

Rovers remain top of the second division but face the real

prospect of missing out on automatic promotion (Louise

Middlesbrough took maxi-

mum advantage, beating

Brighton 4-0 at Ayresome

Park. Up the A19, Sunder-

land supporters gave Denis

Smith a warm reception be-

fore watching the FA Cup

Taylor writes).

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ham said. But there appears a danger that Beck regards the information as all-important, rather than just a useful aid. Why else were Claridge and Heaney, Cambridge's two most creative players, hauled

off? They were substituted for were bucking the system; failing to adhere to the letter of the percentage game. Running at defenders when you could be winning a throw-in, attempting a clever pass when the corner flags are there to be aimed at, and thinking about shooting from long range when the six-yard

Bristol City side now under

A week after being on the point of resignation from Newcastle United — who

drew 1-1 at Grimsby - Kevin

Keegan is on the point of

Mick McCarthy, who took

signing a five-year contract.

charge of Miliwall after

Bruce Rioch's resignation last

week, started with a 1-0 win

Steve Bull set a club record.

by scoring his 195th goal for

at home to Port Vale.

Blackburn permit

the gap to narrow

manager.

possess players of the ability of Taylor, Claridge and Wilking seems a shame not to allow them to express themselves. If and they done so, Cambridge might have looked less ordinary.

Inswich have hit a happier balance and seemed to have strick, the winner with the strick the winner with the best move of a wind-ruined match when Kiwomya swiv-elled to pass for Whitton to cross and Milton to score in the 52nd minute. Four minutes later, Cambridge were level after Forrest dropped Leadbitter's cross after an apparent foul by Heathcote, the charge of their former. who backheeled the equaliser.

opportunity, are all sins.
Football crowds applaud

when someone tries some-

when someone this some thing tricky that doesn't come off. I anham said. "They are looking for glory. We try to maximise the chances of

Cambridge are all about the team ethic, but when you possess players of the ability

scoring."

The match was marred when Keren Barratt, the referee ironically, the replacement for Roger Wiseman, who is suffering from stress after being struck by a supporter at Birmingham - was hit by a battery thrown from

CAMBRIDGE UNITED: J Sheffield: M Heathcote, A Kimble, A Dermin, P Chappie, L Daish, N Heatensy (auth: J Taylor), R Utilities, D Dustin, S Charloge (such: M Norbury), C Leachitter.

PSWIGHT TOWN: C Forrest: R Zonderven, N Thompson, M Stockwell, J Warfs, D Linghen, S Milton, P Godderd, S Whitton, J Dozzell, C Klwomys.

Reference: K Beworth.

Radcliffe reveals potential to world

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN BOSTON
FOR British supporters at the world cross country championships here on Sat-urday, Paula Radeliffe's victory in the junior women's race was the most satisfying moment, and nothing would have changed had Liz McColgan won, too. There is no surprise in any McColgan triumph these days. The surprise was the realisation that there may be another British

McColgan on the way.
It is too early to heap expectation on Radcliffe, but the basic ingredients are there. She showed shrewd judgment and a fearsome finish to become the first junior world cham-pion from Britain since Mick Morton in 1978.

What became of Morton? Nobody could remember. Success at a young age is not always a good thing. But Radcliffe seems level-

headed enough.
"I would like to go to the
Olympics [in 1996] but that
is looking a bit far ahead." was as much as she would say on ambitions. No fancy ideas, either, of becoming a full-time runner: "I need something else to take my mind off it." Or of being above her club, Bedford and County: "I will be down there on Tuesday as usual timing the under-11s and helping out with the coaching." acning." Aged 18, Radcliffe tried

to pass on some of her wisdom to McColgan. On a snow-covered course, Radcliffe wore a combination of 12- and 15-millimetre spikes. She offered a set to McColgan but the Scot chose short ones, which most of her team found extraordinary given the slippery course. Longer spikes would not have helped her to win for she had felt to win, for she had felt under the weather with a cold, but the cousensus among athletes was that she would not have finished as low as 41 st.

as low as 41st.

McColgan disagreed, but said that she had probably overtrained, ignoring the advice of her husband and coach, Peter, to cut back. "I probably should have eased down and given the race more respect," she said. McColgan had been

training most of the time indoors on a treadmill to avoid the Arbroath weather and she conceded that more

WINDERMERE: Porthole grand prix time trial (25 miles): 1, G Butler (Prestor/Norwood Paragon CC), 57min Ossec: 2, C Beerdman (GS Stradia), 57.48; G Sword (Kiridy CC), 1.01.50; 4, T McKenna (Midchidge CC), 1.01.51; 5, M Harrison (Congleton CC), 1.02.08; 6, C Albook (Deite RT), 1.02.19; 7, G Waddington (Pendis Fores), 1.02.49; 8, M Bowee (Clevelys RC), 1.03.11; 9, G Watts (Horwich CC), 1.03.21; 0, N Nicholson (Richmond and Darlington), 1.03.47; BRITISH STUDENT SF: Solom team TT Championship (Norfolis): 1, Loughborough Students CC 1:7:54; 2, Sheffield Polytechulc 1:7:57; 3, Leicester Poly 13:20.

Sineffield Polytechnic 1:7:57; 3. Leicester Poly 13:20; SOTONIA CC HILLY 30 miles (Southernpton): J Stort (Antelope RT), 1:18:29. Team: Antelope 4:7:22; NORTH MIDLANDS CF (25 miles): L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers), 55:00. Team: Moriey CC 2:51:06
LIVERPOOL TTCA (25 miles): A Bennett (Lherpool Century), 59:51. Team: Liverpool Century 3:55:4. Semiles): P Silver (VC Slough), 10:35. Team: Icinield 3:12:20.

(VC Slough), 1.0.35. Team: Icknield 3:12:20.
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YTHAN CC (tally, 21 males) (estamplant); N Frown (Describe Thistip), 47:44, KETTERING AMATEUR (hit), 18.5 miles); M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 43:25. ROAD RACES GS EUROPA TWO-DAY (Hampahire, 148 miles); S Calland (Stars and Stripse),

66:41.

ROMFORD-HARLOW (85 miles): M Lingman (Twickenham CC), 3:25:20.

ALBERT PRICE MEMORIAL, (Wolverhampton, 55 miles): G Thomas (Leek CC), 1:58:0.

SSHFIELD RC (Seiston, Norts, 50 miles): J Charlestworth (Ace RT), 2:22:19.

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thanked the weather. "I was born in a blizzard and my mum says I always run well in the snow," she said. She thanked, too, her local guide, who had advised her that most US championships on the Franklin Park course are won in the downhill section before the finishing straight. That was where Raddliffe took off with a textbook display of driving

for home from a long way

SENIOR MEN: 1, J Ngug (Ken), 37min Obsec. 2, W Muhwol (Ken), 37:17, 3, F Bayesa (Eth), 37:18, 4, K Skah (Mor), 37:20, 5, H Chelimo (Ken), 37:21, 6, 8 Monegheltr (Aus), 37:23, British ptecings: 15, H Nerurhar, 37:43; 17, E Marhn, 37:48, 20, D Ctarle, 37:52, 26, A Bristow, 37:58, 33, P Dugdale, 38:05; 36, M Dalloway, 38:12, 85, P Roden, 38:51 Tasms: 1, Kenye, 46pts: 2, France, 145; 3, Great Britain, 147, Junior men: 1, I Krui (Ken), 23mm 27:sec; 2, H Stasse (Eth), 23:25, 3, J Macchula (Ken), 23:37, British ptacings: 26, K Toher, 24:46, 30, D Robertson, 24:51, 37, C Jones, 24:52, 48,

RESULTS FROM BOSTON

How much different she looked from early season, when her results had been poor. Anaemia was diagnosed and iron tablets have solved that problem. Still, though, Radcliffe has to cope with excercise-induced asthma, a not un-common complaint among leading British athletes. Matthew Yates and Gary Staines are fellow sufferers It was the famed Lynn

SENIOR WOMEN: 1, L. Jennings (US), 21mm 16sec, 2, C McKiernan (Ire), 21:18, 3, A Diss (Port), 21:19: 4, V Huber (US), 21:34; 5, N Dandolo (II), 21:35; 6, Yunxia

day in the senior event and gave New Englanders a local heroine. Jennings lives an hour's drive from Franklin Park. At the starting line she glanced to her side and saw her neighbour's two children. "I almost wanted to stop and take it all in."
Jennings said. Instead she
kept going for 21 min 16 sec
to win her third consecutive world cross country title.

> The British men took third-place team medals, with five of the six scorers achieving their best positions at these champion-ships. Only Dave Clarke did not, but his twentieth place was better than could have been asked after his long injury break. Paul Dugdale (33rd) and Mark Dalloway (36th) ran superbly.

John Ngugi won a record fifth title and his fellov Kenyan, Ismael Kirui, won **YACHTING**

Regatta in Italy dampens hopes

By BARRY PICKTHALL

BARRIE Edgington was the highest placed British finisher at last week's Italian pre-

Olympic regatta. The world champion finished second to Morten Egeblad, of Denmark, in the Olympic class windsurfing event and moves on to the British trials at Hyeres in two weeks confident of winning both the Olympic berth and a

Britain's other leading Olympic hopefuls were less successful. Paul Brotherton and Andy Hemmings were fifth in the 470 class, and Stuart Childerley sixth in the Finn single-hander, but British squad performances did not inspire much hope for medals in the women's 470. Flying Dutchman or Star

The one ray of light fell on Will Sunnucks and R Gutteridge. Their consistent rather than spectacular results earned them a sixth place in the Tornado catama-

Koch elects Kanza for semi-finals

San Diego: Bill Koch, the probable defender of the America's Cup, christened his fourth boat, Kanza, in San Diego at the weekend, in honour of his home state, Kansas (Bob Ross writes).

Kanza will replace Koch's Defiant in the semi-finals of the defender series. Kanza has a canoe bow, similar to that of the Italian challenger. Il Moro di Venezia, but otherwise looks similar to the Koch's syndicate fast third

vacht. America3. Koch said America³ would probably be quicker than Kanza in winds under ten knots; Kanza would be faster

in heavier winds.

He also named his after-guard for the defender semifinals: himself as skipper; Buddy Melges, helmsman; By Baldridge, navigator; David Dellenbaugh, tactician; Andreas Josenhans, mainsheet trimmer.

Apart from Koch, this is a highly-talented team. The weakness of his \$55 million campaign is Koch's inability to realise his limitations as an America's Cup helmsman.

SPEEDSKATING

CALGARY, Canada: Men's world championships: 500m: 1. P. Adeberg (Gert, 37.07eec: 2. E Flaim (US), 37.26; 3. H. Sighel (I), 37.36; 4. T. Adyamegi (Japan). 37.58, 5. Rintje Ritama (Neth.), 37.87, 7. Falko Zandstra (Neth.), 37.87, 7. Falko Zandstra (Neth.), 37.86, 8. Johann Clav Koss (Norway). 38.17, 8. Michael Had schieff (Austira). 38.32, 10. Alessandro De Taddei (Italy). 38.36, 5.000m; 1, J. Olav Koss (Nor), 6min. 42.15sec, 40.215pts; 2. R. Signel (II), 64.41, 40.391; 3. F. Zandstra (Neth.), 64.41, 40.415; 5. T. Bos (Nor), 6.44.29, 40.415; 5. T. Bos (Nor), 6.44.24, 40.424; 6, J. Schoen (Swe), 6.50.35, 41.035.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 4, Boaton Bruine 3, New Jersey Devis, 2 New York Islanders 2 (OT), Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 2: San Jose Sharks 5, Hartford Whalers 4; Couebac Mordiques 4, Mnnesota North Sters 2, Chicago Blackhawks 3, Toronto Maple Leats 1; Montreal Caractions 3, St Louis Blues 3 (OT).

NETBALL

HOME INTERNATIONALS: Seniore: England 47, Wales 40 (12-12, 13-8; 14-9; 8-11) Under-18: England 59, Wales 31.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Birmingham keep on course

By Keith Blackmore

BIRMINGHAM clubs in the third division have not lacked for drama this season but recent events offstage have kept the spotlight away from

the featured players. Birmingham City, who beat Huddersfield Town 2-0 at St Andrew's on Saturday, can move into second place by beating Torquay United tomorrow night but their season could yet be spoiled by a Football Association inquiry into the pitch invasion during their match against Stoke

City last month. That same incident almos cost them the architect of their success, Terry Cooper,

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

PARIS: French Open: Men: Singles quarter-finals: B Supriento (Indo) 51 V Kumer (India), 15-4, 15-4; C Bruit (Neth) bt D Poste (Ger.), 15-18, 15-10, 15-12; Wong wall I am Rhonn Konch bt B Blanetard

D Poste (Ger), 15-18, 15-10, 15-12; Wong Wal Lap (Hong Kong) by B Blanehard (Can), 4-15, 15-6, 18-16; Wan Zhengwan (China) bit R Begga (India), 15-9, 15-7. Semi-finals: Suprianto bit Bruß (Netherlands) 15-9, 15-11; Wan Zhengwan bit Wong Wal Lap, 15-9, 15-1. Women's singles quarter-finals: K Schmidt (Ger) bit Ye Zisaying (China), 3-11, 11-3, 12-10; Lu Yuhong (China) bit A van der Krassp (Netri), 11-5, 11-3; D Piche (Can) bit Z Abdoulish (Sing), 12-10, 12-4; Semi-finals: Liu Yuhong bit Schmidt, 11-4, 11-1; Piche bit Semtoso, 0-11, 11-5, 12-10.

FOOTBALL.

WORLD CUP: Qualifier: CONCACAF North Caribbean zone preliminary round: Domincan Republic 1, Puerto Rico

dard Liège 1. FRENCH LEAGUÉ: Montpe≝er 2.

Nantes 1. VICTORY SHIELD UNDER-15 INTER-NATIONAL: Wales 1, Scotland (played at

Swansee) ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Hertfordshire 0, Middlesex

quent disagreements with his chairman, Samesh Kumar,

have only just subsided. Cooper was happy enough with his team's latest performance, given that a strong wind had made considered play difficult. "It was difficult to keep the ball on the pitch in the second half," he said. As it was, goals by Sturridge, who reacted quickly to a Row-botham shot which struck a post, and Gleghorn were enough to sink Huddersfield, who had Onuora sent off in

the second half. beating Reading 2-0 at The Hawthorns, with goals by

.SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World Champion-ships: second qualifying round: D Rippon (Eng) bt M Morra (Can) 10-8.

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Cradley Heath

SKIING

SKIING

CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland: World
Cup Alpfine skilling, Statom, Ment. 1, A
Tomba (tt), Imin 48, 14eac; 2, P. Accola
(Switz), 1:48.78; 3, F. C. Jagge (Nor.),
1:48.57; 4, P. Staub (Switz), 1:49.55; 5, L.
Klas (Nor.), 1:49.98; 6, C. Gerose (tt),
1:50.23; 7, M Tritacher (Austria), 1:50.25, and A
Bittner (Ger), 1:50.85; 10, F. De Crignis (ft),
1:50.97; 11, T. Stangassenger (Austria),
1:51.37; 12, H. Strolz (Austria), 1:51.56 13.
Final standings: 1, Accola, 1,989phs; 2,
Tomba, 1,382; 3, Ginardelli, 898; 4,
Furuseth, 854; 5, F. Heinzer (Switz), 842; 9,
G. Madder (Austria), 797; 7, M. Wassmeier
(Ger), 7:52; 8, D. Maihrer (Switz), 846; 9,
Strolz, 611; 10 equal A J.Kitt (13), 594, 10
equal, P. Ortisob (Austria), 594; 12, J. E.
Thorsen (Nor), 577.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire 92, Suffolk 155; Essex 135, Barking 129; Witishire 112, Hampathre 106, SIMBA HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hertfordshire 151, Surrey 163.

Strodder and Raven, to move into third place. But 500 Albion supporters stayed after the game to demand the resignations of their manager, Bobby Gould, and chairman, John Silk. Only the day before, the club had dismissed its popular assistant manager, Stuart Pearson.

Stoke kept their minds on the game and beat Exeter City 5-2 to open a six-point gap at the top. Blackpool retained the leadership of the fourth division by beating Chesterfield 3-1. Bamber of the season. Burnley moved into second place, by bearing Mansfield Town

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Kricks 105, Mitemi Heat 85; Orlando Magio 111, Chicago Buils 1005; Sacramento Kinga 100, Houston Rockets 97: San Antonio Sours 101, Seatile SuperSonics 96; Los Angeles Crippers 114, Denver Nuggets 87; Phoenks Suns 121, Minnesota Timberwolves 105.

CARLISBERG LEAGUE: Mem: First division: Manchester Gients 83, Kingston 107; Homel Hempstead Royals 81, Worthing Beers 100; Birminghem Builets 106; Leicaster Riders 96; Derby Bucks 99, Sunderland Seints 56. Second division: Barnsley Generals 58, Wore 84; Oldhem Celtics 105, Middlesborp Mohswiss 74; Plymouth Raders 82, Bury Lobos 90. Third Givision: Chitten Fastbreak 69, Celderdale Explorers 70; Sedgefield Racers 91, Md Sussex Magio 78; Sheffield 86, Stewenage Pheonix 72; Solent Stars 80, Lelcester 75; Womes: First division: Levels 69, Nottingham 75; London YMCA 54, Thames Valley 77; Sheffield Hatters 81, London Jets 35. Second division: Camberley Golden Eagles 53, Milton Keynes Quelly Cats 68.

BOXING

CALAIS: WBA superbentantweight champtonship: T Jacob (Fr) bt D Zarago-za (Mex), pts.

CROSS COUNTRY

NORTH EAST HARRIERS LEAGUE 1.

B Rushworth (Sunderland), 27min 32eec, 2, P Cuskin (Vall H), 27.51. League champions: Sunderland.

BASKETBALL

FOR THE RECORD FLEET HALF-MARATHON: 1, W Des (Luten Utd), 1hr 2min 47secs; 2, S Brace (Bridgend), 1.4.53. Women: P Fudga (Borough of Hounslow), 1.15.42.

AUSTRALIAN RULES AUSTRALIAN POOTBALL LEAGUE: St Kilda 18-20 (128) bt Essendon 17-9 (111); Pootscray 17-12 (114) bt Adeletic 12-15 (87); Hawthem 21-15 (141) bt Geelong 18-13 (121), Carlton 12-14 (92) bt Brisbane 10-8 (68).

TABLE TENNIS EUROPEAN MEN'S LEAGUE First division final: Second leg: (at | Hall): England 3, Austria 4 (England win 7-5 on aggregate): Englain names first: C Presn bt D Palmi, 21-12, 21-17; M Syed lost to Ding Yi, 15-21, 21-13, 15-21; Chen Xinhus bt Clen Clenii, 21-15, 21-12 Doubles: Presn and A Cooles bt Clenii and Palmi, 15-21, 21-4, 21-10; Presn lost to Ding Yi, 18-21, 16-21; Syed lost to Clen Clenii, 25-23, 18-21, 11-21; Chen Xinhus lost to Palmi, 25-23, 18-21, 11-21.

KINGSTON HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, London University, 18min 09eec (senior open winners); 2, Isla, 16:15 (senior 1 winners); 3 equal, Kingston and Tiderway Scullers, 18:34. Other division winners: Eights: Senior 2: Imperial College II, 16:45. Novice: Imperial College II, 17:48. Junior 16: 51 Edward's II, 17:29. Junior 16: 51 Edward's II, 17:29. Junior 16: 51 Edward's II, 17:29. Junior 16: KCS, Wimbledon II, 18:29. Women: Senior 2: Kingston VI, 19:46 Senior 3: Kingston VI, wwinbledon II, 18:29, woment senior 2 Kingston VI, 19:48 Senior 3: Kingston VI, 19:42 Z. Novice: King x, Canterbury III, 21:57. Fouris Senior 2: KCS, Winbledon 19:01. Senior 3: Weybridge, 19:27. Woment: Senior 3: Burway 22:25. Cuestruple sculls: Women: Kingston, 20:08.

SQUASH RACKETS COLOGNE: Germen Open: Men: Second round: Guarter-finals. Jansher Khan (Paik) bi 8 Mertin (Aus), 15-11, 15-7, 15-9; C Robertson (Aus) bi 4 Devis (Walse), 17-4, 15-13, 15-9 Senti-finals: R Mertin (Aus) bi 17 Nancarrow (Aus), 15-2, 15-6, 15-8; Khan bi Robertson, 15-10, 15-2, 15-5. Final: Khan bi Mertin, 15-5, 12-15, 15-2, 15-13.

15-13.
ST PETER PORT: Guernsey women a open championship: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated) S Devoy (NZ) bt M Merrin (Aus), 4-9, 8-4, 9-4, 8-7, L Irvang (Aus) bt S Wright, 9-3, 9-6, 10-8, L Open bt S Homer, 1-9, 1-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, Semfinals: Devoy bt Irving, 9-10, 9-1, 9-2, 9-1; Le Molgnan bt Open, 9-3, 9-0, 9-0.



Jansher Khan: takes German Open title

K Whetion, 14 30, 36, I Blake, 14:32; 55, K Mackey, 14:55. Teams: 1, Ethopa, 51pts, 2, Romania, 69; 3, Kerrya, 60, 4, Great Britain, 61

HOCKEY

SATURDAY: Women's Training Match:
Engiand 7, Beiglum 0. NatWest Women's County Championship: North:
Northumberland 0, Durham 0: Yorkshire 1, Cumbria 0; Cheshire 0, Lancashire 2, Manchester Leegue 0, Sheffleld Leegue 2; Humbersde 0, Lancashire Central Leegue 3; Manchester Leegue 0, Cheshire 1. West: Hereford 0, Gloucestarshire 4; Avon 0, Witshire 9; Devon 3, Somerset 0; Dorset 2, Cornwall 0; Avon 0, Gloucestershire 5, Senior Women's Club Matchies: Chelmsford 2, Carristhury 0; Gulddiod 1, Reading 6; Herborner 1, Loughborough 1; Liverpool 3, Crosby 2; Sevenosks 1, Cambridge City 1, YESTERDAY: Women's Training Matcht: England 8, Belgium 0, NatWest Women's County Championathip: East: Cambridge Sity 1, Wrock 0, NatWest Women's County Championathip: East: Cambridge Sity 1, Midlends: Warwickshire 4, Derbyshire 0; Worcestershire 3, Stropshire 0; Nottinghamshire 1, Shropshire 3; Staffordshire 3, Leicastershire 0; Belfordshire 0, Northumberland 5; Yorkshire 0, Durham 0; Cumbria 0; Lancashire 2, Chrismic 0; Durham 0; Cumbria 0; Lancashire Central Leegue 2; Manchester Leegue 0, Humberside 1; Lancashire Central Leegue 0; Cheshire 3, Lancashire 4, Humberside 0

GEORGE WIMPEY AMATEUR DOU-BLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: J Snow and M McMurrugh bt S Leigh and B Cite, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1: N Pendrigh and H Lathern bt T Werburg and A Curley, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, A Page and M Howard bt A Snow and P Tominson, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; A Lovell and M Dean bt W Matthy and F Peace, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0. Semi-finals: Snow and McMurrugh bt Pendrigh and Lathern, 5-6, 6-0, 6-2, 5-3; Lovell and Dean bt Page and Howard, 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1. Final: Snow and McMurrugh bt Pendrigh and Lathern, 5-2, 4-6, 8-2, 6-1.

MOTOR RACING DONNINGTON PARK: British Formuta 3 championship, first round (25 laps, 48,93 miles): 1, M Albers (Neth, Relt RT36 Mugen), 28 min 09.32 sec, 104.26mpt, 2 K Burt (GB, Reynard 923 Mugen), 27:15.78; 3, G de Ferran (Braz, Reynard 923 Mugen) 25:17.20. Fastest lap: De Farran 1 min 08.53 sec (105.89mph, lap record)

MOTOR RALLYING BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP, first round (in North Wales): 1. C McRae (Subsru), 1hr 23min 25 acc; 2. T Smith (Ford), 128 23: 3. G Evens (Ford), 128 58; 4. A McRae (Ford), 129,11; 5. R Head (Ford), 129,12; 8. K McKinstry (Subsru) 1:30.27.

SEBRING, Florida: 12-hour endurance race: 1, J Mahuel Fangio II (Arg) and A Wallace (GB), Toyota Eagle MKB, 360 laps, ave speed 110.724 mph; 2, Geoff Brabham, D Daly, A Luyen (US), and Gary Brabham, D Daly, A Luyen (US), and Gary Brabham (Aus), Nissan NPT-91A, 355, mechanicel; 3, G Moretti, M Sigala (It) and O Larrauri (Arg), Porache 982C, 345; 4, D Jonés (US) and D Brabham (GB), Jaquer XXP-12, 338, Other: 46, R Wilson (GB), L Bernal and F Solano (Cot) and M Moreon (Cuts), Mazzle MK-8, § 47, P McCarlhy (GB), Charolot GTP, 7; 48, U Berl, J Graham and V Scavone (Can), H Wirth (Switz) and A Hepworth (GB), Ford Albe.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Askasne 10, London Irish 12; Bridgand 21, Skring County 16; Bristol 29, Pyrnouth 9; Cardini 27, Ayr 12; Glamorgen Wanderse 29, Newhorldge 9; Newport 22, Glasgow High 22; Pontypool 51, Edinburgh Academicals 7; Pontypridd 44, Abertillery 0; Kalso 64, Langholm 0.

ORIENTEERING TSB BRITISH ORIENTEERING

Musgrave (MARCC) Samin 29sec; 3, P Hegue (Southern Navigators) Shnin Steec Women: 10tm: Declared void due to wrong control sight marking: 1, C Bokand (Edinburgh University), 75min 48sec; 2, J Jemes (Cambridge Univ) 77min 08sec; 3, H Musro (Cambridge Univ) 76min 18sec; SRANDON PARK, Relays: Men: 3 x 8.9km; 1, Cydesids (D Jones, 42min 29sec, S Nicholson, 42min 24sec, D Peal, 43min 13sec) 2hr Brain 6sec; 2, South Yorkshire 2hr 21min 00sec; 3, Edinburgh Intertopers, 2hr 12min 43sec, Women: 3 x 8.4km; 1, Edinburgh University (L Boyd, 42min 03sec, K Bryan-Jones, 42min 39sec, C 8oldand, 37min 04sec, 2hr 1min 45sec; 2, South Yorkshire, 2hr 13min 09sec; 3, Southampton, 2hr 21min 08sec.

Switzmanned
DIVING: Merr: High jump: 1, Xiong Ni
(China), 833.50pts; 2, Sun Shawel (China), 614.25; 3, J Hempel (Ger), 505.05; 4,
D Sautin (CS), 578.90; 5, V Timoshinin
(CS), 574.05; 6, M Kuhne (Ger), 546.45; 7,
P Evarra (US), 514.20; 8, R Bertram (US),
505.25 Women: 3-metre springboard:
1, G Min (China), 556 15pts; 2, I Lashto
(CS), 531.70; 3, Fu Mingosa (China),
520.95; 4, B Baldus (Ger), 512.10; 5, J
Farest-Ovenhouse (US), 497.10. Final
standings: 1, China, 89pts; 2, CS, 56; 3,
Germany, 49, 4, United Stales, 28.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Inter-national: Women's singles finel: A Senchez Vicario (Sp) bi G Sebetmi (Arg), 8-1, 8-1.

YACHTING

CADIZ, Spain: World soling championship, first race: 1, M Holmberg (See), 2, J
Bank (Den), 3, T Palm (Den), 4, F Leon
(So), 5, K Mahaney (US)

ANZIO: Pra-Ohympic regetta. Olympic
windsurfting class, Men: 1, M Egeblad
(Den); 2, B Edgington (GB), 3, T Wellner
(Austria), Wormen: 1, J Horgen (Not); 2, D
de Vnes (Nebn), 3, C-A Alle (Can), British:
6, P Way, Finn: 1, F Lool (Swa); 2, S
Westergeard (Den), 3, J van der Ploeg
(So) British: 6, S Childerley; 11, J
Fenstone, 19, R Lett 479, Men: 1, M
Lundgren and U Lagneus (Swe); 2, G and
Z Nyari (Hun), 3, S Orsu and M Hirobe
(Japan) British: 5, P Brotherlon and A
Hermangs; 25, I Pinnell and J Simpson,
27, J Marnicks and G Edwards, Wormen: P
Hardwiger and C Pinnow (Ger); 2, L
Maskashelvo and E Palcholchik (CS); 3, T
Zabell and P Guerra (So) British: 12, D
Jarvic and S Carr; 19, S Ress-Jones and R
Tribe; 29, L Walker and J Worrallo. Flying
Durichmen: 1, J and J Bojens-Moller
(Den); 2, T and V Berger (Fr), 3, A Bathil
and P Lang (Ger) British: 20, W
Henderson and A Harrop, 22, M Lennon
and M Ricadell-Smith, 24, C Apthorpe and
J Lyne, Star: J Doreste and J Castelis
(Sp); 2, Ffitz and J Ilri (Sp); 3, P d'All and
A Veggetti (II) British: 12, M Hicks and D
Munge: 16, A Cooper and D Heritage, 18,
D Howlett and P Lawrence, Tormado: 1, C
Marstrom and S Ramm (See); 2, R
Gaebler end F Parlow (Ger), 3, O and R
Schwall (Ger), British: 6, W Sunnucks and
R Gutterficige: 11, T Robinson and B
Grant; 12, D Williams and I Rhodes,
WARSASH: Becardi Warsash Spring
Series (provisions): Risco S: Class iMS:
1, Jane Air. Class CHSS: 1, Hebe
(T Hartison), 2, Toughmut (A Cathon); 3,
Another Cumning Plan (F) Davis). Class
Sigma 38: 1, Arbitrator (S Balley); 2,
Yaoman XOVIII (Sir-Owen Alaher); 3,
Scorpio (V Westlein). Class Sigma 33: 1,
Blazz (W McNeisi); 2, Carca (P Thomes); 3,
Powder Menkey (R Goddard). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chariton v Crystal Palace (7 0); Luton v Reading: OPR v Chelsee (2 0), Swindon v Brighton (2.0) ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP. Semi-final, first leg: Hedneslord v Col-OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER; World champing quelifying tournament (Preston)

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Pakistan provide power and glory

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN AUCKLAND

just how many times Pakistan were written off in their World Cup semi-final against New Zealand here on Saturday before they eventually won it. It kept happening, so that even with only half a dozen overs left it had hardly dawned on the great majority of the 35,000 New Zealanders present that they were in for a disappointment.

One moment they were working out what time they would have to get home on Wednesday to watch New Zealand in the final at Melbourne: the next, with a lump in their throats, they were giving their players, as they did a disconsolate lap of the ground, a sympathetic cheer for a gallant failure. There, hobbling in their midst. was their captain. Martin Crowe. who had pulled a hamstring while batting and had to watch Pakistan's innings from the dressing-room.

It would be to Australia's advantage, perhaps to England's too, to note that Pakistan were swept to victory by a young man of 20 and another who was 22 this month -Moin Khan and Inzaman-ul-Haq. Under the avuncular eye of Javed Miandad, they scored, between them, 80 of the last 116 runs from the bat in 48 balls. Inzaman's 60 in 37 balls putting Pakistan back on track to a target that had risen to eight an over.

Except when Sri Lanka played Zimbabwe, no side in this World Cup had totalled 250, let alone made over 260 to win, and when inzaman came in, Pakistan needed 123 off 15 overs. Ramiz had made a busy enough 44, but Imran, coming in at No. 3, had never got going, his 44 taking 93 balls, and Javed, though averaging 63 here, can no longer do quite all the

wonderful things of old. Feeling the need of another old hand to help him, Javed signalled to the dressingroom for Wasim Akram to be sent in, at first when Imran was out, and then, when almost immediately, Salim

New Zealand won toss

K R Rutherford c Moin b Akram

Extras (b 4, fb 7, w 8, nb 4) _____

Total (7 wkts, 50 overs, 209 min)

D K Morrison, W Walson did not bal.

FINAL: Wednesday (04.30 GMT): England v Pahistan, Melbouine (line coverage by Sky Sports and Radio 5). A second and third day have been set aside for the final.

SEMI-FINALS: New Zealand 262-7 (M D Crowe 91, K R Rutherford 50) Pakistan 264-6 (Inzaman-ul-Haq 60, Javed Mandad 57 not out) England 252-6 (G A Hick 83). South Africa

QUALIFYING TABLE AND RESULTS

het run-rate (NRR) is the difference between batter) and bowling rates fluns seared in no-result matches are not included.

D N Patel lbw b Akram ... Playing across the line G R Larsen not out

IT IS difficult to remember Malik was. If his plea was noticed, it was not heeded. Instead, Inzaman, who had fielded for only a few overs during New Zealand's innings because of a thigh strain, followed Salim Malik and proceeded to show why Imran rates him so highly.

Tall and handsome, with

an upright, rather braced method, Inzaman hit through the line of the ball much as the great drivers of the golden age of batting must have done. Javed, still as canny as ever, piloted the ship, urging and counselling. guiding and cautioning Inzaman, and, when he had the strike himself, seldom allowing a ball to pass without working it somewhere for a single. Then, when he called Inzaman for just too short a run into the covers, he gave Moin his constant advice.

With nine balls left and Pakistan needing nine to win. New Zealand were still in the game. With eight balls left, it was as good as over, a drive for six by Moin off Harris having given a splendid match a spectacular finish. Having spent the last five weeks in New Zealand — they even call me "Kiwi" now suppose I was a little saddened by the result.

Crowe had made a marvellous 91 in 83 balls for New Zealand, an innings so unhurried and pure and yet opportunistic that it showed how, even in the mad rush of one-day cricket, the textbook has all the answers for those good enough. The way New Zealand batted, they deserved to reach the final; but at the pinch, their bowling was not good enough.

In Crowe's absence, it was left to Wright to captain New Zealand in the field, and it was not an enviable task. If it is any consolation, I have known all the best captains since one-day internationals were first played to be just as powerless in a similar situation to keep the floodgates from opening. Only a few hours earlier. New Zealand had scored 161 from their

SCOREGOARD FROM EVEN PARK FOR FROM



Victory by a smile: Miandad basks in Pakistan's fine semi-final win over New Zealand in Auckland

Moin, his young apprentice.

last 20 overs, 91 of them from the last ten. Crowe says he "saw the panic setting in" after 30 overs of Pakistan's innings. Maybe, but for New Zealand there was still much honour in defeat.

Before the Olympic Games in 1976, questions were asked in the New Zealand parliament as to why public money was being wasted on sending a men's hockey side to Montreal when they had

Steepling drive to deep mid o mran Khan c Larsen b Harris

Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 1)

WORLD CUP DETAILS

Total (6 wkts, 49 overs, 207 min) ...

Pakistan 74. England 24-1 – no result

New Zealand 162-3 (M D Crowe 74 not nut, A H Jones 57). Zimbabwe 105-7 India 216 (S R Tendulkar 54 not out).

Pakistan 173 (Aamer Sohall 62) South Africa 200 8 (P.N.Kirston 56), West Indies 136 (A. L. Logic 61; M. W. Pringle 4-11)

Australia 171 (T M Moody 51; IT Botham 4 31), England 173-2 (G A Gooch 58, IT Botham 53)

India 203-7 (S. R. Tenduskar 81). Zimbabwe 104-1 Sri Lanka 189-9 (P. A. de Siva 82). Australia 190-3 (G. R. Marsh 60, T.M. Moody S7). West Indies 203-7 (B. C. Lara 52). New Zealand 206-5 (M. D. Crowe 81 not out. M. J. Greathatch 63).

South Almos 231-7 (A.C. Hudson 54)
Pakestan 173-8 England 280-6 (N.H. Farbrothe 63, A.J. Stewart 59), Sri Lanka
174 (C.C. Leine 4.30), India 197 (M. Azharuddin 61, A.C. Cummins 4.33), West Indiaes 195-5 (k.L. T. Arhunfon 56 not out)
— Worst Indiaes Starget revised to 195-61 46 overs

lqbal Sikander, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30 (Ramz 14), 2-84 (Imran 23), 2-134 (Javed 20), 4-140 (Javed 25), 5-227 (Javed 50), 6-238 (Javed 51).

BOWLING: Patel 10-1-50-1 (8-1-28-1, 2-0-22-0); Marrison 9-0-55-0 (w 1) (6-0-31-0, 3-0-24-0); Watson 10-2-39-2 (nb 1) (6-2-17-1, 2-0-10-0, 2-0-12-1); Lersen 10-1-34-1 (one spell); Harris 10-0-72-1 (7-0-42-1, 2-0-17-0, 1-0-13-0).
INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 33 runs; 20: 78, 30: 120, 40; 186.

Pakistan won by four wickets.

Man of the Match: Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pakistan)

Umpires: D R Shepherd (England) and S N Bucknor (West Indies).

no earthly chance of doing England and South Africa. any good. Against all the monitoring the match in Sydodds, they won the gold medney, would probably both al. Were New Zealand going have seen New Zealand as to Melbourne now, to play in potentially less dangerous opthe final, their performance ponents in the final than Pawould be almost as great a kistan. It would have been surprise. This was a splendid sad, anyway, for New Zealand to have gone to Melone-day match, so much so that even Imran cast off his bourne with Crowe as a passenger. Saturday began customary detachment when with his being presented with it was over and came out to a £30,000 car for having been meet Javed, the old dog, and

ing series. An outstanding natural cricketer, he would be a candidate now to lead a World XI. The fact that none of the rest of his side might be in it is a measure of their

□ New Zealand's wicketkeeper, Ian Smith, has announced his international retirement. Smith, aged 35, played in 63 tests and had 177 dismissals, ninth best in

Spinners enjoy a rare supremacy

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN KINGSTOWN, ST VINCENT

THERE were rare successes in this region for the slow second unofficial A team Test match continued here yesterday. Robert Croft, the Glamorgan off spinner, took a wicket in each of his first two overs as West Indies replied to England's first innings

total of 241. Croft bowled Lambert behind his legs as the lefthander pushed forward against his first ball. He then had Best held by Morris at silly point as the batsman again played a defensive stroke. By tea West Indies were 44 for two on a pitch which was helping the spinners slightly at one end.

Earlier, Nehemiah Perry, a Jamaican off-spinner, finished with five wickets as England added 51 before they were all out five minutes after lunch.

Perry, who is 23, took the last three wickets in 31 balls without cost. Throughout the innings he created a good trolled variations of flight and

England lost Johnson in Gray's first over when they resumed at 190 for five after Saturday's rain-shortened play. Johnson had survived a chance to slip off Perry when seven, but went on to bat with solid determination for three-

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and-a-half hours. West Indies took the new ball as Croft joined Rhodes. Both fought doggedly for 85 minutes as they went through a torrid time against the four fast bowlers.

More than once the umpires seemed a shade tolerant about what constituted a short-pitched ball.

Croft was finally caught behind as he jabbed against one that bounced more than he expected. Perry dismissed Rhodes in the next over when Lambert took a diving, lefthanded catch at short leg. Munton edged a ball to slip and Cork was bowled behind his legs as he tried to sweep.

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D J Bicknell o Autray b Joseph

M R Rampraleanh c Gray b Peny
P Johnson Bur b Gray

G P Thorpe c Autray b Benjamin
J P Stephenson c Lambert b Peny
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D G Cork b Peny
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Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-92, 3-114, 4-154, 5-183, 6-191, 7-230, 8-230, 9-238.

BOWLING: Joseph 22-4-58-2; Benjamin 20-4-28-1; Walsh 21-6-37-0; Gray 15-2-62-2; Perry 24-18-47-5; Best 1-0-12-0.

WEST RIDIES: First Immigs

C B Lambert b Croft 17

R G Samuels not out 18

C A Best c Montas b Croft 1

J C Adams not out 1

Extres 17

Total (for 2 wkts) A4 R I C Holder, tJ R Murray, N O Perry, A H Gray, I, A Joseph, K C D Benjamin and "C A Waleh to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-96. Umpires: D Archer and G Johnson. **TENNIS**

Sabatini stunned as Sánchez sets up Spanish fiesta

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN KEY BISCAYNE

THE Lipton International is not quite yet the fifth grand slam it was designed to be, but the form line between Key Biscayne and Paris is uncannily strong, particularly in the women's singles. Should Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the new Lipton champion, carry off her second French Open title two months hence, she would be the sixth to do the

double in the last seven years. Monica Seles (twice), Steffi Graf (twice) and Chris Evert have all set up their clay-court seasons in Key Biscayne and, given the dominance of her 6-. 6-4 win over Gabriela Sabatini in Saturday's final, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the little Spanlard could join that exclusive

The men's form does not hold quite so well, but Jim Courier last year followed other Lipton champions, Mats Wilander (1988) and Ivan Lendl (1986), to greater glory on the main court at Roland Garros and neither of the finalists, Michael Chang or Alberto Mancini, would be an outsider to do the same.

Though Sabatini has won II of the pair's 14 matches. stretching back to the Argen-tinian Open five years ago, Sanchez Vicario has been in dominant mood this week and the manner of her victory over Jennifer Capriati in the semi-final suggested that she was close to the top of her form. In contrast, Sabatini seems to pour so much effort into beating Grafthat she has



Sánchez Vicario: win

little left for the next day. So it proved, much to the bemusement of the crowd, who had anticipated an Argentinian carnival and had to endure a Spanish fiesta

A chorus of "Don't cry for me. Sabatini." from the Spanish quarter midway through the second set prompted a look of utter contempt from the No. 3 seed. who was having quite enough trouble trying to cope with Sánchez Vicario's clever angles and variations. While Sabatini can, on the whole, read Graf's game to the last letter. Sánchez Vicario presents more of a blank page. Some times the Spaniard can be inspired, sometimes lifeless. Unfortunately for Sabatini, it was the former.

"I was ready for her." San-chez Vicario said. "I was aggressive when I had to be and I was consistent." The combination proved too much for Sabatini, who could find no consistency in her ground strokes and was kept contin-ually off balance by Sanchez Vicario's use of the drop shot and the lob. Only midway through the second set did Sabatini make a match of it. the ninth game producing a point of such brilliance and variety the crowd stood to

That Sanchez Vicario won it with a backhand pass, leaving Sabatini prostrate at the net, reflected the final shift in the balance of power and a game later, Sabatini was broken for the fifth and last time, giving the No. 4 seed her first title of the year and a cheque for \$120,000.

Arguably it is Sánchez Vicario's biggest win since she took the French title on that memorable afternoon in Paris three years ago. Statistics suggest she might know the feeling again in a few

☐ Casablanca, Morroco: Guillermo Pérez-Roldán, of Argentina, came back from a n down to beat German López, of Spain, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the King Hassan II men's tournament here yesterday.

EQUESTRIANISM

Murray gains from returning to basics ,

By JENNY MACARTHUR

LUCINDA Murray and ties - despite having to avoid Welton Fairgame, one of her three Badminton entries. made an auspicious start to the new horse trials season when they won their section of the open intermediate class at the Aldon Horse Trials in

Somerset yesterday. Murray, riding with new confidence, relegated Liz Tyley on Ashley T to second place by two marks after one of the fastest times across

The Hampshire-based rider, aged 26, attributes her new bolder style to Mark Phillips. Last year he wrote in Horse and Hounds that Murray was one of several young riders who needed to "return

"It was annoying but he was absolutely right," Murray said yesterday. Last week she went on a three-day

course at Stoneley with Phil-lips. "He's changed the whole way I ride," she said. Sarah Kellard and the experienced Hello Henry had a comfortable win in the other open intermediate class. They added only eight time penal-

a loose coilie on the course — to their excellent dressage mark.

They finished six points ahead of the runner-up. Kristina Gifford, on her 1987 junior European team gold medal-winning horse, Song And Danceman,

Mary Thomson, the national champion, and her Olympic contender. King William, had a successful first outing of the season to finish fourth. Thomson, who also finished third on King Boris in the earlier advanced intermediate section, was delighted with King William, whose fluent round included a bold jump into the water.

A total of 600 horses competed over excellent going during the weekend at the event, organised by Sue

RESULTS: Open Intermediate section S:

1. Welton Fairgeme (L. Murray), 41pts; 2.
Ashley T (E Tyley), 43; 3. River Ferry (C
Backhouse), 43. Open Intermediate section T: 1. Hello Henry (S Kellerd), 36; 2.
Song and Danceman (K Grifton), 44; 3. The
Count (P Caphem), 44 Advanced intermediate section: 1. Critef (V Larta, N2), 41;
2. Goorny Brd (K Wisston), 45; 3. King
Borts (M Thomson), 51

ICE HOCKEY

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35 (Wright 11 not out), 2-39 (Jones 2), 3-87 (Crowe 24), 4-194 (Crowe 77), 5-214 (Crowe 84), 6-221 (Smith 0), 7-244 (Smith 13).

BOWLING: Wasim Alvam 10-0-40-2 (nb 4. w 2) (5-0-22-0, 2-0-2-0, 2-0-12-1, 1-0-4-1), Aqib Javed 10-2-45-1 (w 2) (6-2-14-1, 2-0-7-0, 1-0-12-0, 1-0-12-0), Mushtaq Ahmed 10-0-40-2 (5-0-16-1, 3-0-10-1, 2-0-14-0), Imran Khan 10-0-59-0 (w 3) (4-0-14-0, 3-0-12-0, 2-0-20-0, 1-0-13-0); Iqbal Sakander 9-0-56-1 (w 1) (7-0-42-0, 2-0-14-1).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 35 runs, 20: 67, 30: 101, 40: 171.

Australia surprise

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

WITH two games to play. Great Britain became even warmer favourites to win pool C of the world championships in Humberside, thanks to a surprise win by Australia over Hungary. On all previous form, Hungary looked to be the main threat to Great Britain's promotion hopes, but an embarrassing 8-1 loss to Australia yesterday meant that a Great Britain win over North Korea late last night would give the home country promotion and leave tomorrow's game against Hungary without significance.

The Australians have improved throughout the tournament. while the Hungarians, not as good as they were in Copenhagen last year, have been an acute

Britain's first three games brought impressive wins over Australia (10-2), South Korea (15-0) and Belgium (7-3). with the only cause for concern the number of injuries. particularly among the defencemen.

QUALIFYING RESULTS: New Zealand 248-6 [M D Crowe 100 not out K R Rutherford 57). Australia 211 (D C Boon 100). England 238-9 (R A Smith 91, G A Gooch 51). India 22? (R J Shastin 57) Pakistan 2002 (Rams Raya 102, Javed Mandad 57 not out), West Indies 221-0 (D L Haynes 93 not out, B C Lara 88 retired harf) Zimbabwe 313-4 (A Flowor 115 not out, M A C Waller 83 not out, K J Arnott 52; Sri Lanka 314-7 (A Ranstunga 88 not out, M A F Samaraschera 75, R S Maharama 59) Sri Lanka 206-9 (R S Maharama 90). New Zealand 210-4 (K R Rutherford 65 not out, J G Winght 57). Australia 170-9, South Airica 171-1 (K C Wessels 81 not out).

Paul Hand missed those three games and Shannon Hope returned to Cardiff to rest his strained knee. It is doubtful if he will return to

Then, in Saturday's game against Belgium. Brian Mason was ejected for causing injury through a high stick-ing offence. This left only three recognised defencemen but Belgium were unable to take advantage and it is doubtful if either North Korea or Hungary will be able to prevent a British success.

Magpies steal promotion spot

C Wessels 70, P N Nation 52 not out)
Palustan 220-9 (Anmer Sohail 76),
Australia 172 India 230-6 (S R Tendulitar
84. M Azherudder 55), New Zeeland 231-6
(M J Greutbatch 73, A H Jones 67)
South Africa 236-4 (K C Wessels 85, A
Hudson 79), England 226-7 (A J Stewart
77, N H Fastbother 75, not out)
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overs West Indias 288 8 (P V Simmons
110: U C Hathurusinghe 4-57), Sn Lanka
177-9 Australia 265-6 (M E Waugh 65 not
out. S R Wough 55. D M Jones 54),
Zimbabwe (37)

England 200-8 (G A Hick 56, New Zealand 201 3 (A H Jones 78, M D Crowe 73 not out) India 180-5 (M Azharuddin 79), South Africa 181 4 (P N Kriston 84, A C Hudson 53) Sei Lanká 212-6, Pakistan 16-6 (Javed Mandad 57, Salim Malik 51) New Zealand 166 (Wasim Akram 4-32), Pakistan 167-3 (Rame Rapa 119 not out)

Zimbabwe 134 England 125 (E. A. Brandes 4.21) Australia 216-6 (D.C. Boon 1001. West Indias 159 (B.C. Lara 70. M.R. Whitney 4-34)

By Sydney Friskin

HARLESTON Magpies fought back to draw 2-2 with Brooklands in the interleague play-offs at the Oulton and West Warwickshire club yesterday, and qualify for the Pizza Express National League second division next season, where they will be accompanied by Beeston.

In the final pool B match of the day, Brooklands were leading Harleston 2-0 at halftime with goals by Reynolds. in the eighth minute, and Foster in the 32nd. But Harleston came strongly into the game in the second half when Cobbaid scored from a short corner in the fiftieth minute, and Catchpole did the same in the 59th from

Beeston, needing only a draw in their last pool A

match, defeated Taunton Vale 2-0 with goals in the seventh minute by Bond, and in the 56th by Selby, who had earlier hit a post. Two more places in the second division will be decid-

ed in the crossover play-off series on April 5, when Old Kingstonians will be at home to Oxford Hawks, and Brooklands will entertain Taunton Vale. The two bottom teams in each pool. Bournemouth and Formby — who played in the second division last season - will revert to their regional leagues.

Bournemouth's hopes of survival were extinguished yesterday morning when they lost 3-0 to Old Kingstonians. for whom Porter scored twice. Formby put up a fight against Oxford Hawks but lost 3-1,

Silman scoring all three goals for Oxford, Bell replying for

In Saturday's pool A matches, Beeston emerged 3-2 winners over Bournemouth and Old Kingstonians drew 1-1 with Taunton Vale. In pool B, Brooklands drew 1-1 with Oxford Hawks, Bennett's goal in the third minute being answered by Abbott in Wright and Jane Smith, and the 52nd. Harleston, who were leading 2-1, were held to a 2-2 draw by Formby, who scored ten minutes from time. RESULTS: Pool A: Tourston Vale 1, Old Kingstomans 1 Bournemouth 2, Beeston 3; Old Kingstomans 3, Bournemouth 0, Beeston 2; Taurston Vale 0, Final placings: 1, Bocston, 5pts; 2, Old Kingstohans, 4; 3, Taurston Vale, 4, 4, Bournemouth, 0, Pool B: Brooldands 1, Oxford Hawks 1, Formby 2, Harleston Maggies 2, Oxford Hawks 3, Formby 1, Harleston Maggies 2, Brooklands 2, Final placings; 1, Harleston Maggies, Spts; 2, Brooklands, 3, 4, Formby, 1.

Forwards train their sights on Belgium

BY ALIX RAMSAY

training weekend with Belgium proved to be a profitable exercise. In two matches at Oakham School, England won 7-0 on Saturday, and went one better yesterday with three goals from Tina Cullen, two each from Sam one from Lucy Youngs.

In the county championship the defending champions. Lancashire, eased their way back into contention with simple victories over Cheshire, Sheffield League and Humberside. But for Yorkshire and Durham, runners up for the last two years. things did not look so bright. Both made an inauspicious of Ipswich.

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THE England women's start, Durham drawing 0-0 with Northumberland and Yorkshire managing only a 1-0 win over Cumbria. Northumberland are proving to be the dark horses, beating Cumbria 5-2 before going on to upset Yorkshire 2-0.

In the east the table has a lopsided look after Cambridgeshire trounced lowly Lincolnshire 9-0. Three goals each from Shadrack and Marriott set them on their way. The holders, Suffolk, were hoping for an easy start to their challenge against Norfolk but could only manage a tense and disappointing 1-0 victory thanks to a goal from Debbie-Rawlinson.

ROWING

Elements favour Oxford

OXFORD won and Cambridge lost in messy contests against leading opponents on the Tideway on Saturday. In Oxford's Putney to Chis-

wick Steps match against London University, raced into head winds and waves, London, on Middlesex, took a length's lead by the Mile. Oxford, with Ian Gardiner at stroke, took a narrow lead just past Harrods, when an excep-tional gust of wind hit both crews and London stopped

Racing just a four-minute piece from Fulham to Harrods against Molesey, Cambridge, on Middlesex, were nearly a length ahead at halfway but Molescy rated 40 past Harrods and snatched a

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Rafferty times his run perfectly to edge out Forsbrand

By Our Sports Staff

a 35-foot birdie putt on the final green to win the Portuguese Open here yesterday and maintain his commanding start to the year. The Ulsterman, aged 28, overtook the overnight leader, Anders Forsbrand, with a closing round of 68 for a 15-underpar total of 273.

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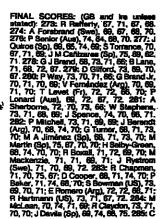
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in six starts this season, Rafferty has finished ninth and first in Australia, second in Thailand, Dubai and Hong Kong and now first again - the £37,500 winner's cheque today took his earn-

Vila Sol: Ronan Rafferty sank ings close to £250,000. But when asked why his form was so much better than last year; when he dropped from fifth to 35th in the European moneylist, he said: "I've got no idea - I'm doing exactly the

> He did admit to practising more in his back garden in Ascot during the winter.

> Rafferty, Europe's leading money-winner in 1989, trailed Forsbrand by one with three to play, but rolled in a 15-footer on the 378-yard 16th to level and then staged



O'Connor Jr, 68, 68, 74, 75. 286: P Broachurst, 71, 71, 74, 70; R Drummond, 74, 70, 72, 70; H Belocchi (SA), 72, 74, 70, 70; G Levenson (SA), 71, 73, 71, 71; D Clarke, 72, 71, 71, 72; J Metosille, 71, 57, 75, 73; C Msson, 68, 74, 73, 73; S Little, 73, 72, 68, 75; L Tinider (Aus), 73, 70, 59, 74; M Poxon, 69, 75, 68, 74, 287; K Waters, 72, 72, 75, 68; D Terbianche (SA), 70, 76, 71, 70; M Pittero (Sp), 73, 71, 70, 73, 296; E Girsud (Fr), 69, 77, 74, 68; P Lawrie, 68, 74, 75, 70; N Brigge, 74, 72, 72, 70; M Gatse, 70, 72, 75, 77, 18, William, 70, 67, 74, 75, 299; G Raigh, 69, 77, 73, 70; P McClinley, 70, 73, 75, 71; R William, 70, 72, 72, 75, 290; J Ven de Veide (Fr), 69,

Forsbrand was left to rue his opening shot of the day, a two from that flew out of bounds and resulted in a double-bogey six.

"When you get off to a start like that it's hard;" Forsbrand, who has now had five top 12 finishes this year, said. "I didn't hit it good at all today, but he did have to birdie two of the last three to

more was third, two shots further back on 12 under after 70, while the two-time wither. Sam Torrance. shared fourth spot with the Spaniards, José Maria Canizares and Juan Quiros. Rafferty, Britain's first win-

ner of the year, moves up from fifth to third in the European order of merit. But be will not be part of the tour's contingent at the US Masters

"I don't deserve to be there after the way I played last year," he said. He could earn a return to the US Open, however, by climbing into the top two in the money-list by

He walked out of the event after 27 holes last year and was fined £5,000.

Rafferty is 67 under par for his last 20 rounds, none of

Couples goes to threshold of gaining No. 1 position

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN ORLANDO

THE phenomenal Fred Couoles was on the threshold of becoming the No. 1 golfer in the Sony world rankings as the final round of the Nestle Invitational tournament unfolded here vesterday on the Bay Hill course.

Couples spreadeagled the field with a third round of 63, which gave him a commanding six-shot lead over Gene Sauers. Larry Nelson began the final round in third place. In that third round, Cou-

ples had seven birdies and one eagle. "I've shot some good rounds, but this is one I will remember for a long. long time." Couples said. The start to this year is one that he will also not forget.

Couples is 113 under par, averaging 68.2 per round. He won the Los Angeles Open three weeks ago, finished runner-up in the Doral Ryder Open the following week and lost a play-off to Corey Pavin for the Honda Classic last Sunday.

OXFORD University denied

Cambridge a golf record at

Deal on Saturday and in the

process established a spectac-

ular one of their own. Hold-

ing firm to the lead they had

established in Friday's four-

somes, they won the match

strong favourites to register

their sixth victory in

successive years, an achievement still unrecorded this century, but under the influ-

ence of a tour de force by

Richard Sanders and the in-

spiration of their captain.

Johnny Hampel, Oxford de-

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Nelson said: "It's good for the game. It's good to have one person everyone can focus on. It's something the Tour needs." Couples, of course, still

faced a test of his concentration. But he appeared to be in command and on his way to winning a first prize of \$180,000, which would take his official winnings for the year to \$704,000.

The European interest essentially disappeared with the halfway demise of Nick Fal-do. David Feherty, Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam.

Bernhard Langer survived, with the opportunity to practice his putting under tournament conditions, while Faldo worked nearby on the range with David Leadbetter, his

coach. Langer is unhappy with his stroke and he would appear to have his head too far over the ball. He took three putts

Sanders sparks Oxford upset

colossal margin of 15 and 14.

as Sanders did on Saturday. The previous record was V. S. Maxwell's 15 and 13, also for

Oxford, against R. B. Gurdon in 1926.

The hapless Andy Powell

could win only two holes, the

morning's 6th, when Ox-

ford's ball was on the beach,

and the afternoon's 3rd, where Sanders needed four

putts. Powell's only other

meagre consolation came

and Richard Marett streak-

ing away from his opponent out in the country, Oxford still needed half a point to be

With three wins in the bag

from three halved holes.

1878 has a player won by the from Frank Cadiz. a

at the 2nd hole, missing from three feet, and again at the 7th. There he left his first. attempt four feet short and missed the next.

His patience was further examined on the 11th and 12th greens where he missed birdie putts of ten feet. Then he dropped another shot at the 14th. It was all academic, as far as this tournament was concerned, but Langer will want to cure the problem with the Masters less than three weeks away.

Lanny Wadkins, who went round in 2 2 hours, and Tom Watson provided themselves with some encouragement with scores of 66 and 68 respectively, but Mark McNulty finished with a 77

for 298. Meanwhile, Woosnam headed, along with Montgomerie, to The Players' Championship, which starts on Thursday, where he, too, will hope to revive his ailing game.

Zimbabwean post-graduate.

last man to be chosen by

Oxford, was expected to be a

sacrifice against the formida-

ble Bryan Ingleby, last year's

Cambridge captain, but he

secured a superb four at the

36th to wipe out Ingleby's one-hole lead.

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RESULTS (Oxford names fault; J Hampel (St Anne's) bt C Date (Timity Hall), 6 and 5; S Jenidins (Worcested) but to Mi Fielscher (Robinson), 5 and 4; A Woolkough (Wachsen) bt R Kelly (Corpus Christi), 2 and 1; R Sendars (Morton) bt A Powell (Corpus Christi), 15 and 14; F Cadiz (St Edmund Hell) balved with B Ingleby (Fitzwilliam), J Barty (Oriel) bet to M Williamsteon (Fitzwilliam), 3 and 2; P Roche (Wollson) but to C Ambiler (Queenis), 3 and 2; K Berz (St Anne's) halved with J Harper (Salwyn); R Marett (St Anne's) bt J Young (Chunchie), 8 and 7; Tetridge (St Catherine's) lost to P Crawley (Thirty Hell), 4 and 3.

The left-handed Cadiz, the

SEAN Kelly, road racing's irrepressible near veteran at the age of 35 revelled in a joyous homecoming yester-day at Carrick on Suir (Co Tipperary) after winning the first international classic of the season, the Milan to San Remo event.

Victory in the 183-mile race, which had its foundations in a kamikaze-style descent of the Poggio Hill two miles from the finish, put the Irishman into the lead of the Perrier world cup series.

He won the 12-race competition when it started in 1989 but, at the moment, does not see himself again at the top of the table when the series ends next October.

Victory salute: Sean Kelly celebrates his win in the Milan-San Remo race

Kelly comes home in style

FROM PETER BRYAN

Kelly's season with his new Spanish sponsor Lotus will concentrate on the national tours Italy (his debut) and France with, perhaps, one last effort to wrest the world road race championship which has eluded him in his 15-year career on the conti-

taken the bronze medal. In Milan at the weekend Kelly beat former world champion Moreno Argentin, catching the Italian who had led by 15 seconds at the summit of the Poggio, in the

final half-mile after the daredevil descent that took him clear of the rest of the field. Argentin jumped with 300 metres to go but Kelly was fast enough to get by.

RESULT: 1, S Kelly (ire, Lotus), 7tr 31mir 42sec; 2, M Argentin (it, Arlostea), same time; 3, J Museouw (Bel, Lotto), at 3sec.

VOLLEYBALL

Malory's cup run continues

TEAM Mizuno Malory kept up their remarkable record in the Royal Bank of Scotland English Men's Cup, winning the trophy for the fifth time in six years at Crystal Palace

(Roddy Mackenzie writes). During those six years, Malory have lost only one match in the competition — to Polonia Ealing in the semi-final last year — and it was Polonia, the holders, who stood in their way in this

latest final. Malory lost the first set 17-16 as Jurek Jankowski, the Great Britain international. posed problems, but their greater experience stood them in good stead as they came back to win 16-17, 15-6, 11-15, 15-9, 15-12.

In the women's final,

Trafford put up spirited resistance against Britannia Music before going down 15-12, 15-13, 9-15, 15-13.

MOTOR RACING Albers fights off a

last-lap challenge

By Stephen Slater

Netherlands, won the first round of the British Formula Three championship at Donington Park, Derby, yesterday when his race-long rival, Osvaldo Negri, of Brazil. skidded out of contention after a dramatic last-comer challenge on the 25th and final lap. Second place was taken by the Englishman, Kelvin Burt, on his first ever

race in the category. Negri had taken an initial lead after out-accelerating Albers into the opening corner and he stayed ahead for the first 17 laps of the race while Albers fought back to retain the advantage. After a frantic wheel-to-wheel battle on the eighteenth lap, the Dutchman pulled ahead and began to extend his lead to an eventual margin of 1.5 seconds.

On the final lap, however,

MARCEL Albers, of The Albers's lead was cut to almost nothing as he was delayed in passing a back-marker. Negri, closing fast at the end of the main straight, tried a desperate out-braking manoeuvre, but slid off the track with his brakes locked and lost further time when his car spun round as he attempted to rejoin.

Negri's disappointment spelled delight for Kelvin Burt aged 24, found himself taking second place in his debut race. The Tamworth driver was euphoric after his result, despite joining the brand-new Fortec brand-new Motorsports team just 10 days before the race. RESULTS: 1, M Albers (Neith). Rait-Mugen 25 laps, 29min 09:32-sec (104:26mph); 2 K Burl (GB), Reynard-Mugen, 29:15.76; 3, G de Fernan (Br), Reynard-Mugen, 29:17:20; 4, P. Adams (Bel), Reynard-Mugen, 28:17.74; 5, V Reynard-Mugen, 28:19.83; 6, E. Julien (US), Rait-Mugen, 29:26.13

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wales complete a double dose of weekend cheer

By A CORRESPONDENT.

NOT wishing to be outdone by their former union colleagues, who raised the spirits by beating Scotland the previ-ous day. Wales continued their international revival against the French with a heartening 35-6 victory at

Swansea yesterday. With the British coach, Mal Reilly, taking more than a casual interest from the stands, with Australian tour places on his mind, it was more than a happy homecoming occasion for Jona-than Davies and his northern

Their 68-0 drubbing of Papua New Guinea five months earlier had whetted the Welsh appetite for the thirteen-aside code, and the fact the team returns with nine British Test caps in their ranks meant they all had that little extra to play for.

Just as against the Papuans at the Vetch Field, Swansea, in October, so the powerful running of the props, Mark Jones and David Young, caused the French no end of problems.

In fact, it was a fourthminute drive, spearheaded by the two front-row men, that helped pave the way, with a beautiful break by Jonathan Griffiths as well, to the opening try from the wing. John Devereux.

Davies, the captain. stretched the lead with a simple penalty after a high tackle on Barry Williams, but then left the field with his opposing centre, Patrick Marginet, for a ten-minutes cooling-off period in the sin bin following a flurry of punches away from

No sooner had he reappeared than Davies dropped goal and, just before the interval. Allan Bateman was worked clear by some clever inter-passing involving Griffiths and Kevin Ellis.

Davies rounded off another highly successful first period for the Welsh with a 40-metre penalty to stretch the lead to 13 points, but the French hit back in the second half with a brace of penalties from their captain, Gilles Dumas, to cut the deficit to nine points.

Halifax just miss as St Helens lose

their momentum The outstanding feature of St Helens..

Halifax ... By KEITH MACKLIN

RARELY has a home crowd received the final hooter with such relief. When St Helens were leading 30-6 and coasting after 62 minutes, the result seemed a formality. Then they relaxed. Halifax found new life, and at the end Halifax were looking for a most

Mike McClennan, the St Helens coach, was infuriated at the lapses of concentration which allowed Halifax back

remarkable and unexpected

into the game. In the first 60 minutes, Halifax's defensive idiosyncrasies helped St Helens to five tries - two from Cooper

and one each from Quirk, Hunte, and Loughlin. There were also five goals from Loughlin, before that loss of concentration let in

Halifax for four tries in 18 minutes.

the game, from the point of view of both St Helens and Great Britain was the fine performance of Paul Loughlin after his return from a six-month absence with a broken arm. After an understandably slow start, Loughlin showed again that piston-like stride, sure handling, and accurate goalkicking to touch down once and land five goals, two of them from the touchline.

Wigan, who were down 6-7 four tries in the last quarter from Lydon, Edwards (two), and Botica.

Castleford went down for the second time in five days. crumpling 28-18 to Hull Kingston Rovers.

Both Bradford Northern and Featherstone Rovers picked up vital wins. North-ern beat Widnes 17-10 at Naughton Park, while Rovers beat Swinton 18-6.

In the second division, Sheffield Eagles slaughtered Leigh 51-6.

RESULTS AND TABLES

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford 18, Hull KR 28; Hull 22, Leeds 14, St Helens 30, Halitax 28; Swinton 6, Featherstone 18; Wiches 10, Bradford 17; Wigan 28, Satford 7.

SECOND DIVISION: London Crusaders 20, Carliale 15; Rochdale 50, Workington 14; Sheffield 51, Leigh 6 PWD L F A Pts Sheffield 24 18 7 5 696 337 37 Leigh... . . . 24 18 0 8 538 359 38



POINT-TO-POINT

SPORT IN SPIEE McRae hits Amateurs repeat top form

match was inaugurated in sure. It came, unexpectedly,

Colin McRae, of Scotland, showed world-class form to win the Vauxhall Sport international motor rally in North

Wales on Saturday. McRae, in a Subaru Legacy, beat Trevor Smith, who began poorly, by almost five

Albers prevails

Marcel Albers, of The Netherlands, won the first round of the British Formula Three championship at Donington Park yesterday when Osvaldo Negri, of Brazil, skidded out of contention after a last-corner challenge.

Nicholson double Orienteering: Steve Nicholson took the men's title in the TSB British championships, clocking 82min 27sec for 17 kilometres at Sheringham in

Norfolk

Real tennis: Julian Snow and Michael McMurrugh retained their amateur doubles title at the Oratory School yesterday. They lost a set to Nigel Pendrigh and Hugh Latham in the semi-final. before overcoming midmatch troubles against Allan Lovell and Mick Dean in the

Boxing: Fabrice Tiozzo, the younger brother of Chris-Saturday.

Squash rackets: Lisa Opie, ionship on Saturday.

JIM Tarry travelled to the Cambridgeshire point-to-

Wilson outpointed

tophe, the WBC champion, outpointed Tony Wilson, of Britain, in a light-heavyweight bout in France on

Opie falters

preparing to defend the British Open, scored just three points in 27 minutes when losing to Martine Le Moignan in the semi-finals of the Guernsey Open champ-

Lord Fawsley completes double for Tarry in Times race

point on Saturday with three horses and had two winners and a second, one of the successes being on Lord Fawsley in The Times Championship restricted. Mend, ridden by Simon Cowell, was two lengths up on Lord Fawsley at the last but

the former's penalty proved his undoing and Tarry, rid-ing his usual stirring finish, got up to win by half a length. Tarry's double was initiated on Fine Lace in the intermediate and he nearly caused a surprise, on True Bloom, when he got to within two lengths of Carl's Choice in the open.

There was an exciting finish to The Times race at the Duke of Buccleuch's with four together at the last and True Fair, under George White, showing the best turn of foot on the run-in.

Tryumphant Lad, favourite for The Times qualifier at the West Street Tickham, could never match the pace set by Andrew Hickman on The Lager Lout

Lager Louit.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Horseheath): Hunt. 1, Celtic Comic (P Taiano, 1-5 fav). 2, Crush On You, 3, Carver Lad. 3 ren. Infermediate: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, 1-4 fav); 2, Manor Mieo, Only 2 Jinistred, 5 ran BMW cond 1, Suny Sorell (O Vaughandnes, 6-1); 2, Takeover Bid; 3, 0 Catina 7 ran Open: 1, Carl's Choice (G Cooper, 1-4 fav); 2, True Bloom, 3, Peach Less. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Rube's Choice (Mass 2 Turner, 1-3 fav), 2, Orlando Venture, Only 2 finished, 3 ran. Times rest: 1, Lord Favisley (G Tarry, 13-2), 2, Mend, 3, Gold Valley, 8 ran Open midn: 1, 1, Relly's Twifight (W Sporborg, 5-2 fav), 2, The Dravonian; 3, Vall's Chat. 8 ran. Open midn: 1, 1, Tuctord (A Mertin, 3-1); 2, Solomon Shees; 3, Jake Morgan, 7 ran. CARMARTHENSHIRE (Lydatep), Hunt: 1, Our Boreen (J.) P. Keen, 5-2); 2, Chibuggene; 3, Sisc Ofthe Action, 7 ran Cont: 1, Deisy Miller (D S Jones, 2-1 fav), 2, Trebte Chance; 3, Double Denger, 12 ran RMG (Ladies: 1, Gunnettel Boy (Mrs.) Gauti, 4-5 fav); 2, Premon's Last, 3, Trivistown, 11 ran. Open: 1, Brunloo (R Treloggen, 4-5 fav); 2, Premon's Last, 3, Latis Sound (J Jukes, 5-4), 2, Landsker Afred; 3, Random Push, 4 ran. Midn: 1, Milbe-McGarr (P Hamer, 6-4 pt-bay); 2, Regal Smoles, 3, Annaben 9 ran. Mdn: 1, Neat

Spint (P Hamer, 5-4 fav); 2, Philipponnat; 3, Official Letty. 9 ran. COTTESMORE (Gartherpe). Nat coun-

3. Official Lady, 8 ran.
COTTESMORE (Garthorpe). Nat country humt. 1, Rudolph Mole (Ma) M Walson, 3-1 jr.lay), 2, Blanca, 3, Winstona. 15 ran. BMW conft 1, Grey Kinght (C Beally, 5-2 lay), 2, Fedneyhäi: 3, No Smoking. 15 ran. Ladles 1, Ling Hall (Mrs. J Saunders, 4-6 lay), 2, Penny Falis Only 2 finished. 8 ran Open 1, Lady Tiki (J Greenall, 4-6 lay), 2, Panny Falis Only 2 finished. 8 ran Open 1, Lady Tiki (J Greenall, 2-1 fav), 2, Wildunghby Brook; 3, Wave Crest. 16 ran. Mdn. 1, Royal Pocket (D Esden, 12-1), 2, Ballyvoyte Bay; 3, Smbalina 11 ran. Humt. 1, Stately Viting (E Hanbury, Evens lay); 2, Shippy 3 Boy, 3, Currebeau 4 ran OUKE OF BUCCLEUCH'S (Frans Haugh): BMW conft. 1, Generals Boy (P Craggs, 1-5 lay), 2, Fish Cusy, 3, Second Attempt 12 ran. Trues rast 1, True Farr (G Winte, 10-1), 2, Whoelles Newmember, 3, Buso, 8 ran. Ladles 1, Hegtryner (Mass. J Thurfow, 6-4 lay); 2, Goodfellow's Folly, 3, Aden Royale 7 ran. Open. 1, Dundyvan (R Shels, 4-7 lay); 2, Run Leah Run, 3, Wencestas 6 ran. Mdn: 1, Catte Somers (S Love, 12-1); 2, Anzama, 3, Oueenswood Grif 10 ran Mdn: 1, Juniors Chosce (Mass. J Thurflow, 4-1); 2, Noble Cuestion, 3, The Pride Of Pokey 14 ran Hunt. 1, Four Poster (T Adams, Evens lay); 2, Border Richel; 3, Ghostibuster 10 ran. HARKAWAY CLUB (Chaddesley Corport) Hunt. 1, Gratemount (Mass. A Dare ent). ran HARKAWAY CLUB (Chaddeeley Corbett) Hunt. 1. Grademount (Mass A Dare. 1.3 fav): 2. Straight Bat. 3. Rapidan River. 13 ran Reset 1. Fernety (Mass A Dare. 1.3 fav): 2. Blue Cheek. 3. Big Order. 18 ran, Laddes 1. Russku (Mass A Dure. 2.5 fav). 2. Spartan City. 3. King Kas 8 ran. Open. 1. Frome Boy (D Duggan. 4-6 fav). 2. Sevens Out. 3. Oh Why. 8 ran. Const. 1. Treylord (A Steel, 15-1); 2. March To Tute. 3.

Kngford 21 ran. Club mdn I 1, Proverbial Knight (E. Walker, 20-1), 2, Spanish Rouge, 3, Langston, 19 ran Club mdn II: 1, Mot Station (G. Smyly, 5-4 fav.), 2, Tudor Beacon; 3, Andy 14 ran HURWORTH (Greal Stanton) Hurnt 1, Extra Special (A. Ogden, 5-4 fav.), 2, Generous Passon; 3, Shock Engagement, 5 ran Land Rover open, 1, Speaker Comer (M. Sowersby, 2-5 fav.), 2, Glen Lochan, 3, Pampant, 9 ran Ladles; 1, Northumbosan King (Mrs. J. Dewson, 1-3 fav.), 2, Arr Mark, 3, Pub. Pub. 10 ran Mdn I: 1, Castle Gem; (S. Swiers, 4-6 fav.), 2, King Cracker, 3, Rhythmical Beat 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Natchistick Cherte (S. Swiers, 4-1); 2, Wentberdoje, 3, Heather Moth, 16 ran. Mdn III: 1, Scaby Mittre (J. Vickery, Evens tav.), 2, Oh Mother, 3, Markowous 16 ran. Confl. 1, Light Traveller (H. Brown, 8-1); 2, Arry's Mystery, 3, Stantondale, 14 ran.

ran.

LAMERTON (Kilworthy) Hush 1. Arzona (Mrs C Wonnacatt, 7-4). 2, I Promised 3, Old Road 5 ran RMC ladles 1. Jimmy Cone (Mrs J Litston, 2-1). 2, For A Lark, 3. Khatial 11 ran Conf. 1, Wheel Prosper (I Widdocombe. 4-5 fay). 2, Cordiglis; 3, Jackson Blue 16 ran Open, 1, Buck's Mill (K Heard, 18-1). 2, Happon News; 3, Conlused Express. 11 ran Rest 1: 1. Holcombe Bill (S Stedo, 4-1). 2, Brimstone Hill. 3, Random Mess. 11 ran Rest 1: 1, Free Jamboree (K Heard, 20-1). 2, Moorcroft Boy; 3, Brother Ball 10 ran Intermediate 1, Mr Murdock (R Alner, 47 tay); 2, Spartan Dancer, 3, Farmers Gamble 11 ran Mdn I, pt. 1: 1, Brown Lea (Miss. J Kiddle, 3-1); 2, Mystic Monkey, 3, Handsome Dab 8 ran Mdn I, pt. 1: 1, Prince Yemadon (R Mills, 4-1); 2, Stowlord King, 3, Wardlow 9 ran Mdn II.; Fleifine (R Mills, 2-1); 2, Electress, 3, Bold Accord. 14 ran.

MEYNELL & SOUTH STAFFS (Sandon). Hunt 1, Greenbank Paris (B Goodsil, 1-5 tay), 2, Benson; 3, Brulus, 5 ran Mdn I·1, Abitmorlun (S Brookshaw, 5-2 fav), 2, Yankee Rhylm, 3, Chop And Run 14 ran Mdn I·1, Rouse About (W Barlow, 2-1 tay), 2, Royle Burchim, 3, Monkey Hunter 18 ran, Open: 1, Mount Argus (S Brookshaw, 1-3 tay), 2, Bodiari, 3, Gurteen Wood, 12 ran Laddes 1, Renard Ousy (Miss C Wilserforce, 6-4 tay); 2, Valoroso; 3, Can Fly, 10 ran, Conf. 1, Abbuevation (R Collee, 2-1); 2, Swinhoe Croft, 3, Ouich Vision 7 ran PPOA 1, Nodiorns Ditemma (S Brookshaw, 4-5 tay); 2, Ashpol; 3, Lritle Anthem 8 ran. SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE (Garnons); Hunt 1, Pamroy 3 Daughter (G Shell, 2-1); 2, Wilse Peep, 3, Portlemouth 6 ran. Conf. 1, Mappe Moghul (M Munrowd, Evers tay); 2, Royar Warden, 3, Well Delayed, 10 ran Ladles: 1, Geo Potheen (Mis A Sheppard, 5-2); 2, Sergeant Spoila; 3, King Of Aragon, 7 ran. Open: 1, Corsten Springs (M Jones, 6-1); 2, Norther Miracle (Mee C Speering, 6-1), 2, Northern Quey, 3, First Harves! 13 ran. Open mdn I: 1, Waterford Castle (Mee S Higg), 21 tay); 2, Sergeant Silver; 3, Red Hood, 11 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Inside Step (D Stephens, 6-1); 2, Etter Rose; 3, Melody Mine, 13 ran.

TWESELDOWN CLUB (Tweseldown): Cabb hunt: 1, Funchen View (\$ Astava, 3-1), 2, Okoydoke. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Ganness (Miss J Wickham. 9-4); 2, Phetioti, 3, Mr Mouse. 8 ran. City of London: 1, Arciae Paddy (M Goman, 45-6, 1-4ay), 2, Swift Buck. 3, Santson Bill. 6 ran. Open. 1, Ascertalmoor (A Wardall, 1-5 fay), 2, Just Rose; 3, The Grey Cunner. 3

WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS (William) Hunt. 1. Burnt Oats (A Haycox, B·1) linushed alone 3 ran Mdn: 1, Society Member (M Hourigan, 9-4 fay); 2, Princess Westlyan, 3, Helf Shares 15 ran Conft 1, True Bril (M Hourigan, 6-1); 2, Mug's Monoy, 3, Delicate Chance, 12 ran Open: 1, Tinlyn (A Kelway, 13-8), 2, Dewn Prince; 3, Santella Pat B ran. Prince; 3. Santella Pat 6 ran.

WEST STREET TICKHAM (Detling):
Hunt 1, Basher Bill (rt Gles, 25.7); 2.
Bridgette La Naine; 3. Ashton Express 5 ran Conf 1. Glenavey (P Hacking, 4-1); 2.
Frity Bucks, 3. Profisgate, 10 ran. Ladles; 1. Mountaico (Mas A Embricos, 8-1); 2.
Prince Zour; 3. Second Time Round, 13 ran. Open, 1. Speedy Boy (1 McCarthy, 4-1), 2. Sir Weger, 3. Nemil, 11 ran. Times Rest; 1. The Lager Loui (A Hickman, 7-2); 2. Starleo, 3. Breenamore; 14 ran. Mdn I; 1. Thriast Lad (P Hacking, 8-1); 2. Rough Arthur, 3. Worder 17 ran Mdn II; 1. Poslive Influence (C Gordon, 4-5 fav), 2. Clove Bud, 3. Punch's Hotel 13 ran.

WILTON (Badbury Rings) Conf. 1. Dawn. Clove Bud, 3, Punch's Hole! 13 fan.
WILTON (Badbury Rings) Conf. 1, Dawn
Sage (T Mitchell, Everse fav), 2, Lothsan
Genaral: 3, Uncorupulous Gent. 3, ran.
Intermediate: 1, Forest Stone (T Mitchell,
4-5 fav); 2, Chocolat Bisne: 3, Sea
Member 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Denstone
Wanderer (Miss V Lyon, 5-2); 2, Ruby
Fisme: 3, Nearly Handy, 14 ran. Land
Rover Open* 1, Seven Of Demonds (M
Batters, 7-4), 2, Impy Condor; 3, Becch
Grove 5 ran. Rest: 1, Mannworth (M
Batters, 8-1), 2, Sonofagipsy, 3, Jillyweg
6 ran Hunt: 1, Post House (N Matthews,
1-3 fav), 2, Gypsy Promise. Only 2
Risched, 2 ran.

can Open mdn 1, Good Word (C Vigors, 33-1), 2, Dream Kreight, 3, Double Handfull 18; ran Club moderate: 1, Antic (J Maxes, 8-1); 2, Synonymous; 3, Brave Remark 3 ran.
WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS

CRICKET 34

Farce takes gloss off England's glory

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

THE epic climax of a World Cup semi-final was reduced to shameful farce last night. England go through to play Pakistan in the final in Melbourne on Wednesday but South Africa have the sympathy vote after their heroic runchase was aborted by the rain rule which has united the world cricket

condemnation. In the chaotic aftermath of a match with no real winner. an executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), straining to make himself heard at an official press conference staged in the din of a public bar, blamed the situation on "an act of God". He was

wrong.
The blame, for what must be the most idiotic resolution of any semi-final in a leading world championship, lies first with the men of the organising committee who drew up the regulations - no doubt influenced by the demands of television schedules - and then with the administrators who, yesterday, lost control of a situation de-

manding cool heads, leaving a team in heartbreak and a crowd close to an ugly mood. South Africa, needing 253 in 45 overs, had scored all but 22 of them when persistent rain intruded with 13 balls left. The umpires, Steve Ran-dall, of Australia, and Brian Aldridge, of New Zealand, decided that conditions were unfit for play. According to protocol, they asked the batsmen and then the fielding

continue. The two batsmen routinely said they did; it was the only way they could win. Graham Gooch, the England captain, was thus put in the invidious position of effectively sabotaging the finale and claiming victory by default.

captain if they wished to

I would be lying if I denied thinking to myself that maybe we should stay on," he said later. "But the overriding thing was that we had to defend 22 in 13 balls. I asked the umpires if they considered it fit to play and they said no, so off we went."

ed by a storm of booing, intensifying when two England players childishly began applauding and mimicking their own supporters as if the game had already been won. Gooch, a wiser man, went off with head bowed but he was not at fault for this crazy anticlimax. Any captain, any-where, would have done the same in such circumstances.

The regrettable now be-

*G A Gooch c Richardson b Donald ... Beaten between bat and body I T Botham b Pringle ... Cutting, dragged ball on to stumps †A J Stewart c Richardson b McMillar Erized in wicketheaps is circle.

ENGLAND

BOWLING: Donald 10-0-69-2 (nb 3, w 5) (5-0-24-1, 3-0-23-0, 2-0-22-1); Pringle 9-2-36-2 (nb 4, w 2) (6-2-20-1, 2-0-8-1, 1-0-8-0); Snell 8-0-52-1 (5-0-33-0, 3-0-19-1); McMillan 9-0-47-1 (7-0-35-1, 2-0-12-0); Kuiper 5-0-28-0 (one spell); Cronje 4-0-14-0

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 44 runs; 20: 103: 30: 150; 40: 203.

pyjamas on?

South Africa won toss

Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 6, w 9)

Total (6 wkts, 45 overs, 210 min) ...

P A J DeFreitas, R K llangworth, G C Small did not bat.

for the same number of overs as the team batting first, the overs to be bowled shall be reduced at the rate of 14 overs per hour for time lost.

target score shall be the runs scored by the team batting first from the equivalent number of highest-scoring overs, plus one. In a rain-interrupted match, or a match interrupted by any other cause, it should be noted that the important figure is the target score, which in effect is set by the umpires when they decide on the number of overs able to be

came the ridiculous. Within

Team managers were informed that one over had

So it was announced to the



Wessels: losing captain

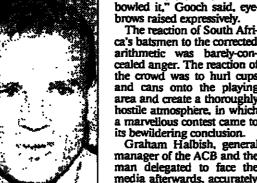
OF THE ROLLS

RULE 4 (Length of innings): Clause f: If the innings of the team batting second is de-layed or interrupted and it is not possible for that team to have the opportunity of batting

RULE 5 (The result): Section two (target score): Clause b: ff, due to a suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the team batting second has to be revised, their

stopped and the ground was fit for play to resume. Under pressure from a baying crowd, the umpires acted ponderously, even consider-ing the comic book logic of

been deducted for the time lost, but that the target rement to the absurdity of the rule, adopted here three years ago for the World Series Cup and somehow retained for this World Cup, whereby a revised target is located by removing the least profitable overs of the side batting first: thus England's worst over, in which they failed to score, was





Making a final decision: the umpires, Aldridge, left, and Randall, confer with South Africa and England team officials yesterday

needed from seven balls, and Gooch led England out bemight have acted quicker lieving this to be the case. He was met by the umpires, who told him, presumably after a recalculation of minutes lost set against the finish time of

10.10pm, that, in fact, two overs had been lost, there was time for only one ball and that, as England's two worst overs had both been scoreless. South Africa still had to score 22 from it. "I suggested it would be a good idea if they announced that to the crowd before we

bowled it," Gooch said, eyebrows raised expressively. The reaction of South Africa's batsmen to the corrected arithmetic was barely-con-cealed anger. The reaction of the crowd was to hurl cups

area and create a thoroughly hostile atmosphere, in which a marvellous contest came to its bewildering conclusion. Graham Halbish, general manager of the ACB and the man delegated to face the

the umpires had, eventually, obeyed.
"It is easy for us, from a distance, to observe that they

Maving out to drive N J Cronje c Hick b Sm

Total (6 wkts, 43 overs, 198 min) ...

R P Snell, M W Pringle, A A Doneld did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26 (Hudson 6), 2-61 (Hudson 28), 3-80 (Kulper 7), 4-131 (Cronje 9), 5-176 (Rindes 22), 6-206 (McMillan 8).

BOWLING: Botham 10-0-52-1 (w 3) (5-0-25-1, 5-0-27-0); Lewis 5-0-38-0 (3-0-21-0, 2-0-17-0); DeFreitas 8-1-28-1 (w 1) (one spell); Bingworth 10-1-46-2 (one spell); Small 10-1-51-2 (one spell).

quoted the regulations which

than they did, but I believe they did everything with all reasonable haste," he said, adding fatuously: "The paying customers got a fantastic

This was not the impression they were conveying as they left the ground, justifiably asking how such a travesty could have occurred. There was time and light to finish the game fairly; there was even a reserve day set aside. The rigid regulations. conceived for television hype rather than an authentic global event, allowed no such flexibility.

Gooch summed it up honestly and feelingly. "I am glad we are in the final but we would have liked to have won the rules but this was an unsatisfactory conclusion to a great game of cricket. "I am disappointed for the

crowd and for the South Africans. The spirit in which they took defeat was terrific. Any team put in that position will be very dejected and, as a fellow cricketer, my heart goes out to them."

SCOREB AND THE STREET OF THE STREET

Hick takes command

FROM ALAN LEE

RESENTMENT over the manner of victory will linger in every mind and fester in many, but England are in the World Cup final on merit. They dismissed recent setbacks yesterday to play with much of their mislaid conviction and would probably. though not certainly, have prevailed if this controversial semi-final had run its course.

With Graeme Hick playing his best innings of the tournament and Dermot Reeve landing the most crucial blows of his career, England were able to set a demanding runs an over. South Africa's pursuit was impressively persistent but, with six wickets down, the odds were against them even before the game

was ruined. South Africa, far from naive under the leadership of Kepler Wessels, took an enormous gamble by choosing to field first and then indulged in some calculating gamesmanship by bowling only 45 overs, without a hint of haste, in the stipulated time. They were fined for falling

four overs short, one being deducted for unknown reasons, and will forfeit 20 per cent of their match fees. Plainly, they believed this an acceptable sacrifice for disoriemating the way England paced their innings. Sydney had suffered morning rain, which returned just

before the scheduled start and was promised again for later. In conjunction with the dreaded weather rule, this was enough to cause Gooch "mild surprise" when Wessels risked all for his conviction that South Africa are a much hetter side when chasing. "But," added Gooch, deter-

mined to amplify the criticism of the weather law, under normal cricket regulations, the decision to bowl first was right."

Umpires did not distinguish themselves at beginning or end of this game and Gooch got a shocking deci-sion, caught behind against Donald off the top of his pad. Botham fell during a fine spell from Pringle but Stewart and Hick added 71 in 14 overs before the hobbling McMillan broke the spell.

Hick, caught at slip off a Pringle no-ball before he had scored, went on to make 83 with increasing command and, when the South African slow-play ruse was rumbled, Reeve literally ran to the middle and smote 17 from the 45th over, bowled by his Warwickshire colleague. Donak They were decisive runs.

England bowled nervily at first and South Africa were off to a flier. Wessels fell to a Botham long hop and Kirsten to a leg-cutter from DeFreitas, but Hudson. Kuiper and Rhodes kept the daunting target within reach, setting up a gripping final round when the rulemakers threw in the towels.

Merson keeps Leeds in range

Leeds United.....

By Stuart Jones FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Merson, who signifi-cantly affected the course of last season's championship. may have also altered the destiny of this season's title. With a touch of invention which was outstanding in the context of yesterday afternoon, he prevented Leeds United from increasing their lead at the top of the first

A goal up at Highbury, they were nine minutes away from extending their advantage over Manchester United, who have two games in hand, to four points. The margin would not only have been their biggest so far but also, given the inhibited nature of their rivals, potentially

Merson, though, kept Leeds in check by releasing himself with a combination of quick-thinking and rare skill. He outwitted a massed Leeds defence by running onto his own deft chip, and tapped the equaliser in off the outstretched hand of Lukic

Many of the 14 goals Merson scored last season carried equal weight in Arsenal's ultimate triumph and subsequently his versatility earned him promotion to the England senior squad.

Initially yesterday, he lined up in a deep central roie. George Graham, who chose to drop Smith, conceded that the new attacking formation

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was not a conspicuous success. "Campbell has done well in training and I thought that he and Wright would cause work out that way," Arsenal manager said. the

No matter. Leeds, who opened with the left-footed Speed at right back, were little more productive during 45 minutes of unutterable tedium and a hundred offsides.

There had to be some improvement after the interval but it was only marginal until Leeds moved in front courtesy of Winterburn's lack of professionalism. His response to fierce tackle was to approach the referee, who had not seen anything illegitimate, instead of guarding his flank.

"If you saw the stud marks on his chest, you might not say that," Graham said. Yet, as Winterburn momentarily left his post. Wallace was able to break on the right and his cross, nudged by Bould, was turned in at the near post by Chapman. His nineteenth goal of the season appeared to be decisive, so little had Arsenal created. But, after Whyte had been penalised for handling. Adams hooked the free kick back from the byline and Wright cushioned the ball conveniently for Merson. who could see nothing but a yellow wall in front of him.

Leeds pushed out but, cru-cially, Chapman, who had only gone back to reinforce the rearguard on the instructions of his manager. How-ard Wilkinson, delayed his advance. He insists that he is not anxious over his club's closing programme. "I did all of my worrying at the beginning of the season," he said. "if we'd played here in November, we would have been delighted with a point. It shows that we have come a long way in the last 12

Graham, who confirmed that Winterburn required an x-ray on a knee damaged by Batty in the final minute, had favoured United for the title. He now believes that the outcome will not be decided until the last game of the season. Then Merson's strike may gain even greater significance.

SIGITUGATICO:

ARSENAL: D. Seamen; L. Dixon, N. Winterburn. D. Hiller (sub: A Limper), A Adama, D. Rocastle (sub: R. Pencur), I. Whight, D. O'Leary. P. Mierson, K. Campbell. LEEDS UNITED: J. Liedo; E. Cantona. A. Dorigo, D. Belty, C. Falrickough, C. Whyte, G. Strechen, Rod Wellson, L. Chapman, G. McAllister, G. Speci.
Referee; M. Bodenhano.

South Africans suffer a shame on the game

f this was the real world. South Africa's cricketers could be understood for not wishing to rejoin it. They were shame-fully denied a fair chance to reach the World Cup final here in Sydney, an achieve-ment by a white team that would have doubled the incentive of the non-white South Africans for whom all frontiers are belatedly

The Australian adminis-trators of the World Cup ensured their place in the Guinness Book of Records - I hope - by contriving the most farcical finish in cricket history: divining that the losing team should be that which had scored more runs for fewer wickets lost off a similar number of balls, at a point when South Africa were only 22 runs and 13 balls short of victory.

The committee can argue until its blood pressure boils over that the regulations justified the umpire's decision. Yet that master of legal precedent, the disinterested bystander, would say the committee was not more intelligent than the village idiot and should be put in the stocks on the ferry quayside for public

Different regulations in future must operate for matches finishing under daylight and floodlight; with floodlight, there was no logical reason to deny South Africa the complete 45 overs, which was all they had allowed England, when rain stopped after a brief interruption. There should

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also be a run bonus for the batting team denied the full over limit. A shower of garbage cas-

cading on to the pitch showed just what the South African spectators thought of the decision and I hesitate to think what might have been the reaction of the bacchanalian English crowd populating what used to be the Hill, had their team suffered a similar grotesque reverse. Graham Gooch and Kep-

ler Wessels, the captains, arrived for the post-match press conference looking as if they were survivors of a shipwreck. Gooch was almost apologetic, half ashamed at England's fortune. "My heart goes out to them," he said, with sincerity. It was unrealistic of him, however, to suggest that the attention given to the manner of the result, rather than to earlier play, was due to the media, as though the media were responsible for the facts.

t was equally gro-tesque, and unfair, that England should be booed for winning in such a way. There should be no criticism of Gooch, when approached by the umpires, for having requested a halt with South Africa at

maining runs with the ball

like soap. England had achieved a solid 252, thanks to the fluency of Hick against anything outside the off stump, crisp cutting and driving by Stewart, who is so irritating with his self-aware gestures in the field, and a rapid 25 not out by Reeve, including 17 off Donald's final over.

ith his face greased, on a sun-less day, like some witchdoctor, Donald's two for 79 was expensive. No less so was England's

opening attack of Lewis and Botham; although Botham had one of his luckiest wickets when Lewis caught Wessels square cut-ting at a crude delivery short and wide, South Africa rapidly progressed to 58 in 10 overs, compared to England's 44. Illingworth, commend-

ably brought on with his left-arm off spin, five overs before the end of field limitations, and DeFreitas then brought the game back within England's command; after 20 overs, South African were 92 for three and losing ground. The introduction of Small and return of Botham saw South Africa catch up again, after Kuiper had needlessly squandered his wicket. And so the match edged

tensely towards its climax, only for rain momentarily to interrupt and bequeath final judgement to the Queen of Hearts.

vantage of McMillan and Pakistan through, page 34

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 58 runs: 20: 92; 30: 151; 40: 207
England won by 19 runs after South Africa set target of 251 in reduced overs
Man of the Match: G A Hick (England).
Umpires: S G Randell (Australia) and B L Aldridge (New Zealand). Want to see England without their American Express Gold Cardmembers



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231 for five. It was raining substantially harder than when South Africa continned bowling through drizzle after ten overs; it would have been much to the adMONDAY MARCH 23 1992

Peril at the gates of paradise

With the main parties' policies looking increasingly similar, there is a real danger that inertia will nibble away at the benefits of liberal democracy. David Selbourne

analyses Britain's fin de siècle malais

ments, the glib sound-bites and the empty clamour of the hustings. there is an anxious theme in this not address. It is the dangerous sense in the country that the

political game is one thing and

reality — the reality of a nation in continuing decline — another. The perennial optimist, whistling in the dark, is always quick to deride the doubting Thomas, the gloomy spoil-sport who wrecks the party with his disbelief that there are better times to come soon, or at all. But even the more phlegmatic may have begun to feel discomfort at having their intelligences insulted by mediocre politicians as a matter of daily routine. Manufacturing industry is in deepest recespolitical drivel roars on un-

In the competition to demean the voter, it is hard to choose between the contestants in matters of hot air, dullness of mind pretending to be prudence, banality masquerading as serious purpose, and false promise presented as 'strategy for the future'. Mean-while, the national unease about the economy, Britain's prospects in Europe, its flagging self-regard, and many other related matters

This malaise is matched in the ideological sphere, where the blur-ring of most distinctions between right, left and centre has given the elector the choice (in a fog of words) only between different shades of moral and intellectual grey. Platform decor, party symbols and the small print of policy packages' — ugly word — may differ, but it is the cut of a man's jib and the quality of his speechwriters which are now

becoming decisive. Not surprisingly, there is also an ominous new party forming, millions of whose members are young, including the brightest and best of an entire generation. This voters or the don't knows, but of the don't cares. To them it is now a matter of shrugging indifference whether the victor's laurel crowns the pate of one enthusiastic mediocrity or another; a Kinnock,

or a Major, to go no further. Behind all this, however, are much more profound develop-ments, the fault of no individual politician. Chief among them is the world-wide failure of the Utopian socialist ideal. It has helped to drive Labour even further into a no-man's land of ideological muddle, its moral aspiration now reduced to avoiding a fourth electoral defeat. Labour appeals to the electorate for help. But how can the party provide the country with a sense of direction when, like all the world's left parties, it lacks such a sense of direction itself?

Without the 'threat' of the left, the right has also suffered; in Britain its passions too have waned. Indeed, the succession to the Tory leadership of the right-and-left Major - now you see his principles, now you don't - has given Conservatives an ideological chameleon to follow, but God

knows where. As for the centre party, the party which once could simply split the ideological dif-ferences between the other two, it now has fewer such differences to split than ever. Foxes have been shot to right and left; much of the old political landscape, the empty

Indeed, there is a political consensus, but not one to flatter the politician: ideas, in particular Big Ideas, have disappeared from the political agenda. However, here one must be careful. For even if there were Big Ideas about — the Tory Citizen's Charter is decidedly not one, and most electors would be hard put to think of any in the prospectuses from Labour and the Liberal Democrats - a nation with a shrinking attention-span (and chronic suspicion of intellectuals) would be no better pleased. Continuous insults to the intelligence, in parliament and the mass media, in the schoolroom and the pulpit, have taken their toll. Physical blows to the head have the

Once, great issues could divide, and unite, the nation, and make the pulse beat faster. Even without today's technologies, an entire people's attention could be engaged and held; now, at the touch of a button, we can (and must) switch channels.

But go deeper, and there is even less for which to blame the passing politician, with his ephemeral manifestos and windy declara-

game of the hustings apart, has one to dwarf the outcome of a mere election; that of

> violent and teeming planet stewing own juices, undone by Homo sapiens and beyond the reach of Mr Kinnock's rhetoric or Mr Major's

> > But there are others who continue optimistically to search for a polleft's failures have made an alter-native Utopia, however unattain-

many. It is not surprising therelypse, any compensatory promise of a Utopia would. But his version

and more people than we can tell have caught its mood even without knowing it; this mood may even be part-responsible for the persistence of the recession. To those with the most pessimistic turn of mind an apocalypse beckons, and

'It is hard to in matters of

pretending to be prudence...' able, urgent for

fore that Francis Fukuyama's Utopia should have won an audience. Against the prospect of apocaof it could never satisfy the kinds of idealist for whom socialism once provided a vision of nirvana.
Why? Because the stuff of Uto-

pian aspiration has always had to do, in essence, with a simple question: "What way of living unhappy way in which we live

Mr Fukuyama's answer - de spite increasingly slippery qualifications of his original idea is that there is no other way to live than the way we live now, in our liberal democratic and capitalpoisoned, ist systems, whatever their defects.

But this answer can please noboely for long; Mr Fukuyama, choose between wiser moments, even knows this the contestants himself. has been trying to insist not only that

hot air, dullness capitalist democracy has vanquished its foes,
but that it is the object of universal aspiration. With the overthrow of communism, the gates to a political paradise have been

flung open to all states and their peoples. Many nations, governed the sweet reason parliamentarism and the free market, already gaze upon pol-itical ambrosia. Others, recently escaped from the totalitarian scourge, are newly arrived, licking their wounds but saved. The rest, unredeemed by the march of reason and progress, gaze long-ingly towards the democratic promised land.

Strange, then, that enthusiasm for parliamentary democracy, as measured for example by voter turn-outs, should be at such a low ebb in so many countries — including in Eastern Europe, now that the first flush of their revolutions has passed. Strange, too, that in England, the Mother of Par-Westminster model as the hidden

It may well be, as Mr Fukuyama insists, that liberal democracy, with its regard for human rights and dignities, can alone satisfy the desire of human beings for recog-nition of their worth as individuals. But you would not guess it, unaided, from the baseness of, many of the electoral appeals which are now being unleashed upon the British voter, nor from

goal of history is so conspicuously

This is, in part, because Mr Fukuyama has got it wrong. There is no Utopia, whether of left, right

the voter's (justly) cynical attitude

Moreover, in Britain and invisible to the outsider, there is in many people a growing weariness with the reduction of the democratic process to the exchange of pre-packaged falsehood, the me-dia one-liner, the hurried visit to the polling booth between TV programmes, and the return of yet another politician of no distinction to the House of Commons.

In a declining nation struggling with recession, we will find our-

selves, if we are not careful, little by little moving away from the pol-itical 'steady-state' which is now taken for granted.

Mr Fukuyama, adding to ever illusion, declares (in some moods) that the "really big questions" of morality and economy, of rights and duties, of liberty and civic order have been settled by the "answers" which liberal democracy provides. They have not because they

cannot be. Instead, the passionate allegiances of right and left on such questions have temporarily ebbed away with socialism's failure. Moreover, we suppress or lose such passions at our peril, since they are at heart moral passions. That so many politicians of left, right and centre seem, and are, indistinguishable in their sentiments, their rhetoric and their party programmes, one from the other, is no cause for celebration.

cession to the polling stations. those electors who vote will do their liberal democratic duties, as ever. But the lack of ardour (except for office), vision and intellect in so many of the politicians for whom

own toll, and in its own good time. David Selbourne's new book The Spirit of the Age is to be published by Sinclair-Stevenson.

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Education policies, page 7

Looks..... Education Secretarial. TV, radio.

TOMORROW
The decline of the don

Trying to find lots of things not to do

Those who are alert to the fine nuances of Radio 4 will have noticed that I am not Jonathan Dimbleby. More pre-cisely, that there has been an interruption in my normal practice of going vocal on Wednesday mornings to solicit the life-stories and philosophies of the great, the

good and the just plain odd.
Studio B 14 is strangely silent, bereft of its floating population of actors, survivors, mavericks, geniuses, strip artistes, collectors of Malagasy hissing cockroaches and players upon exotic musical instruments. For Midweek is off the air: replaced in the interests of the democratic process by Election Call. If they so wish, the mavericks and cockroach-fanciers may phone up and harass captive politicians instead.

As, indeed, may f. There is an old mixture of thrill and dismay about an unexpected month of paid furlough. A hole yawns in the middle of the week. There are tasks to fill it, of course: all freelance workers live with guilt sometimes, on spotting a particular publisher's editor at a party. I have been reduced to dropping on all fours behind the nearest sofa rather than meet those reproachful eyes. But nevertheless there is a brief sense of stolen leisure.

Naturally, I have used it. I put in some heavy training on cup-cakes for my role as second anchor in the Middleton Ladies Tug-o-War Team (we beat Westleton, thank you. Hauled 'em off their feet). I have fitted in a couple of days 'flu, during which I fell asleep during PM and woke up at the end of The Archers feverishly and tearfully convinced that Paddy Ashdown was being forced to have his Middle White sow Freda put down because of the Labour budget. I tried tidying my desk. but stopped because whenever I open the drawerful of old work I start reading it and trying to work out when my heyday was, or whether I ever had one, which

leads to maudlin drinking. Most of all, tiny and finite though my own lay-off is, I have been brooding about all those others who find themselves paid not to go to work. Like doctors under investigation: the other week we heard that in the past six years, some 70 senior doctors have been suspended with pay and that there are at least 19 hanging around at this very moment wait-ing for a verdict to lift them out of limbo. Or teachers: the NUT couldn't say how many exist in similar suspension, but anecdotal evidence suggests quite a few. Nor **WORKING LIFE**

Libby Purves on how to fill three weeks of unexpected paid leave



does anyone seem to tot up the number of police, clergy, or law-

yers in that state. The secret idlers of industry are even more hard to number. Strawpolling, though, quickly revealed an engineer suspected of taking bribes (and later cleared) who built his neighbour a 15ft tall rockery during his five months' layoff, and a managing director whose company was whisked from under him

in a corporate shakeup, but whose contract debars him from working for anyone else for a year. He is irritating his family by making flow charts of their daily activities. And in newspapers we have one of the most famous examples of all: Times Newspapers' staff journal-ists, who were paid for over a year during the print strike to produce no newspapers.

If you are tempted to think it was fun, hear a veteran such as Philip Howard, then the Interary editor: he offers a sad little portrait of their day: "We would come to work out of habit, have a news conference, pass on the gossip and then drift off to the pub. Then we drifted rather sadly home again." At least they could gather round the old tribal fire unlike the suspended copper barred from the station, the teacher deprived of children. It hardly bears thinking

But what do you do all day, when you are salaried but unemployed? Apart, that is, from worry about the doom of disgrace or redundancy which might follow? Since the prime cure for worty is work, such suffering should not be treated lightly. But the fact remains that from day to day, one. must do something. Some write books or, moonlight, but on the

whole, though, the suspended are probably best occupied in completely different jobs. These provide both a challenge and a bracing symbolic two-fingers to your real profession. Like the policeman who devoted his limbo to fitting out a steel yacht. The idea was to sail away quick if the enquiry found against him: it didn't, and he sold the boat. The buyer tells me that bits kept falling off it: presumably the ones screwed on during particularly black moments of self-doubt.

Philip Howard of The Times became a butler - an inspired choice, since literary editors and Jeeveses require similar gravitas and eyebrow-lifting skills. "I was a good butler," he recalls with simple pride. "I once served a buffet supper for a thousand gynaecologists, and the Queen."

Now there's a thought. Let it be known that I am available in black dress and frilly apron, for functions on the next three Tuesday evenings. Turn up your collars, diners, and beware the flying scampi. After 20 years safely immured in white-collar occupations, the World's Worst Waitress walks again.

> TOMORROW Mid-Life: Neil Lyndon

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COPPELIA: The Scottish Ballet moves to Edinburgh this week presenting the company premiere of Peter Wright's fire production, the first time the Glasgow company has ever performed Coppelle. Tonight's cast is headed by principal balleting Nortico Obere. His Mejesty's Thesatry. Rosemount Visduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.30pm.

BODY AND SOUL: A topical new drama by Roy Kendall exploring the moral, legal and ethical questions taced by the Church of England on the ordination of women. Starring Robert Hardy and Angels Thame, the production is on a nationwide tour prior to a West End nm. to a West End run.
Alexandra Theorre, Suffolk Street,
Queensway, Sirmingham (021-633
3325), 7.20pm.

EUROPEAN ORNAMENTS
GALLERY: A new permanent gallery (in the Henry Cole Wing) devoted to European design and decoration 1450-1991. In this post-modernial age "ornament" is no longer a dirty word. but the experience of the text of the content of the text of the content of the text of the content of the text "ornament" is no longer a dirty word. But the new gallery goes further by demonstrating clearly the uses and abuses of ornament, the way particular design motifs travel and are transformed, the influences of architecture and Europe's fascination with the archic.

Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London 5W7 (071-838 '8361). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm.

HOGARTH AND PIRANESI: Hogarth and Piranesi were conferenceries, both famous in their own time and later as printingsters. Showing them together is a good excuse to fleunt some of the Courtested institute's possessions, notably the 30-add Hogarth engravings given by Str Flobert Witt in 1944 and the 14 splendid Piranesi Prisms bequesthed by Count Antonie Seilem in 1978.

ANNA KARENINA: Flair and imagination in Shared Experience's rewarding version of Tolstoy's novel. Tricycle, Kilbum High Road, NWS (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,

☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (971-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Set, 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins. DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brief

Friel's Divise Award-winning memory-pley, set in Thirties Donegal. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Spm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. III DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Julief Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson supers in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drams. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, SI Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-835 122), Mon-Sat, Sprn, WCZ (071-835 122), Mon-Sat, Sprn, Set 7 Sept. Sept. 120-146.

mate Thurs. Som. Set. 4om. 120mins ☐ DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Paines Plough make Orwell wintry book a feast of clever staging and sharp vignettes of acting. Filverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droß look at the tentasies of a women married to a Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Skrites songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-457 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Sat, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10.30pm, met Sat, Spm. 90mins.

GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: El GOOD HOUSE? JUTE! El Satisfying musical celebrating Pifties and Sixties pop classics. Great stuff. Playhouse, Northamberland Avenue (071-829 4401). Mon-Thurs, Bym. Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 135mins. ☐ A HARD HEART: Architect Anna. Massey destroys what she claims to love in Barker's complex, and play.

NEW RELEASES

APOCALYPSE NOW (18): Coppole's gargantuan Vietnam odyessy, reviv 70mm. Martin Sheen as the special agent with orders to kill Marton indo's rogue Colonel. M Shuffesbury Aver bury Avenue (071-836

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15): Jacques Privette's hypnotic exploration of a peinter and his model, struggling to complete an abandonad canvas. Close to a masterplece. With Michael Piccoli, Emmanuelle Béarl, Jane Birkin. Chelses (171-35) 374-274-3) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

BUGSY (18): Warren Beetty as Bugsy Slogs, the gangster who invents Vegas. Steek, with, dazzling to behold. Starring Annatts Benings director, Beny Levinson. Odeon Leicester Square (0426

J'EMBRASSE PAS (18): Latter-day
Cardide becomes a Paris hustier.
Accomplished, but unedriying, With
Manuel Blanc, Emmanuelle Béart,
Philippe Nobret: director, André
Téchiné,
MGM Piccadility (1/71-437 3561) MGM
Tottenham Court Road (1/71-636 6148)
MGM Trocadero (1/71-434 0031).

◆ LATE FOR DINNER (PG): Two ordinary Joes sweke from a 29-year

ordinary Joes sweike from a 23-year 'deep freeze. Unsetisfying comic whitmey from director W.D. Richter. With Brian Wimmer, Peter Berg. MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymerket (071-389 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666). SHINING THROUGH (15). Oculent. preposterous wartime drame, with Melanie Griffith spying for the U.S. Government in Berlin. Stars Michael Douglas; director, David Seftzer. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Cheises (071-352 5095) Odeon Kensington (0426 914696) Odeon

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and imment compiled by Karl Knight

Courtauld Institute Galleries. Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873-2523), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 7.

REPLECTED GLORY: Renek! Herwood's new play follows the relationship of two brothers: one a successful restaurataus, the other a successful retainstatur, the order a playwright. The cast includes Albert Pirmey and Stephen Moora, under the direction of Elijah Moshinsky, Leads is the last stop prior to opening at the Yeudywise Theatre on April 7. Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggsta, Leads (0532 458351/440971), 7.30pm.

THE MISER: Torn Courtenay brings his brand of dead-pan comedy to Mobine's play, in this good-humoured production by Brahsen Morray, with a new translation by Robert Coop-Fawcett. A strong cast includes Polly James. Dates at Cambridge and Sheffield to follow.

Yvorme Arnaud, Millibrook, Guildford (0483 80191), 7.45pm.

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: The Les L'Assons DANGERICUSES: The Royal Shakespeare Company in a touring production of Christopher Hampton's calebrated adaptation of th Lacks novel, set in pre-flavolutionary France. Stephen Dobbin directs; sumptuous 18th-century designs by 8cb Crowley. MY FAIR LADY: The Lemer and Loave musicel gets an invigorating new look from stage designer David Fielding (actiong his work with English National Opera) and couturier Jasper

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of current London theatre House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm.

MAKING IT BETTER: James III MAKING II BE I I CH. James Saunders' stytie play concerned with Ideals, reality and liberation in Pregue and London; Jene Asher in en examplary cast of four. Hampstead, Swise Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301), Mon-Sat; Spm; mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins. Pinal week.

TALKING HEADS: Patricle Routledge and Alan Bennett excellen three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pein of Comedy, Penton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Set, 8pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

MOBY DICK: Girl's school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadily, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 135mm.

III THE NIGHT OF THE ISUANA: Afred Molina and a superb Elleen Attins in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual repression. National (Lyteston), South Bank, SE1 1074,129 2020, Toulett 7, 20cm. National (Lyteston), South Bank, (071-928 2252), Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: tuned by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 150mins.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers whith through the music of Duke Ellington, Obvious routines cannot disquise the true nueful Duke, Globe, Shafteebury Avenue, W1 (071-

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

TILL THERE WAS YOU (PG): State romentic drama with enticing South Pacific scenery. With Mark Harmon, Deborah Unger, Jeroen Krabbe, a first feature by Australian John Seele, MGM Panton Street (071-830 0851)

CURRENT

BARTON FINK (15): The Coen brothers' marvellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hobywood. Starning John Turturo, John Goodman. A triple Cannes prizewinner. Caunes prizewinner. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lothaine Sturbass) tries to convert indigns in northern Quebec, inheligent epic from Brian Moore's novel. Offsector, Bruce Berestord.
 MGM Tottanham Court Roed (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0428 914669) Plaza (071-497 9999).

 CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Notte and family. Martin Scorsee's reroctous, umplessent remake of a classic revenge thriller. With Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis.

Barbican (071-638 6891) Camden
Pertoway (071-267 7034) Empire (071497 9899) MGM Belter Street (071935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370)
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6890 MGM Tenerater (071-370)

2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE

Conran, Edward Fox is cest in the "Rex Harnson" role of Professor Higgins, and Helen Hobson makes an eminently Resble Eizs Doolittie. The productions in Birmingham until March 26 an Reactive 2020 Docksta, The production runs in Straningham until March 26 and will tour the regions before reaching Lendon in the autumn. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-522 7486), 7.50pm.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC: The sugary family musical returns to the stage in a new production by Wandy Toye which will eventually reach Sadier's Wells in June. The Rodgers and Hammerstein show still holds the box-office record for an American musical in the West End. Leading the dore-mit choruses will be Liz Robertson as Maria, the singing narmy-novice created on film by Julie Andrews, and Christopher Cezanove as Captain von Trapp.
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-229 1201), 7.30pm.

ON APPROVAL: Pensiope Kelth in a revival of Lanadale's drawing-room comedy, co-starting Edward De Souza, Judy Calton and Michael Coctrons, under director David Gilea. Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street, Sheffield (0742 789922), 7.45pm,

RICKIE LEE JONES: Still best remembered for her 1979 hit. Chuck E's in Love, the childship cheming singer is cumently promoting an accusable jazz album of unusual cover versions featuring songs by sriists as diverse as Jim Hendrix and Cole Porter. National Stadium, Dublim (010-3531 533371), 7.30pm.

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS: Last seen in this country supporting Bob Dylan in 1987, the hard-hitting American rockers deservedly take centre stage this time country. Wembley Arens, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), 7-30pm.

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DANCE

Bewildered by this betrayal

FIRST a dreadful confession. I can tell you hardly anything, on this first sitting, about Brian Elias's music for the new ballet at Covent Garden. This is because so many different and contradictory themes are chasing each other through Kenneth Mac-Millan's choreography that trying to observe them left scarcely any attention for other aspects.

All that remains in aural memory is an impression of vigour much of the time, contrasting moments of quietness, and a vague association with Barrók — but that may have been because at one point the ballet gave the impression that MacMillan was revamping The Miraculous

Mandarin.
The ladders and scaffoldings of Jock McFadyen's setting may have contributed to that impression: the city detritus, the obscene graffito. This is an impressive, gloomily col-ourful evocation of a completely unrealistic building site at Canary Wharf - a fairytale docklands that has little relationship with real life.

In this cockpit, MacMillan piles one image upon another with such shattered effect that the question from all sides in the intermission was "What did that mean?" Well, I think I can see clearly enough what some of it was about.

The ending with treacherous Irek Mukhamedov hanging himself and nice Michael Nunn's body placed in a sepulchre conveniently provided by a vandalised car, is a vestige of the original Judas and Jesus idea. The fact that for most of the ballet there is no sign of this relationship is a serious disadvantage, giving the religious imagery, however sincere, the impression of a gimmick. And actually, the Mukhamedov character (called the foreman) is shown as angry and vengeful rather than treacherous.

Viviana Durante's role as, I suppose, a kind of virginal whore is allowed much earlier to suggest a Magdalen figure by draping over her

The Judas Tree Covent Garden

head the tablecloth under which, preposterously, she is first carried on to the site. Her main garment is a luridly coloured swimsuit worn over tights and toeshoes: just the thing for a night out with the building workers.

The much-publicised gang rape looks pretty mild after much earlier violence and is anyway given a comic touch by having the men put on their yellow waterproof coats before the event. I think Durante died twice, but she was obviously given to rising from the dead. Another female corpse. hidden under another white tablecloth, which is carried across at the back earlier, might be puzzling. I guess that it is a premonition of her death, not another victim from the next building site.

Durante plays this role with relish, shows an amazing pliancy in the duets where she has to do the splits while lifted high in the air, and brings a cool viciousness to the moments when she takes the aggressive lead against Mukhamedov, kicking him or strangling him with her legs.

All the men are kept very active: lots of jumping about for the group as well as for the leads. Nunn (as the friend whom Durante prefers to Mukhamedov) has the advantage of some different emotion to express; Mukhamedov has to spend too long looking puzzled and uncertain. He does, however, have the most impressive speciality steps, although Mark Silver tries bravely to emulate them, and some of the other men, notably Luke Heydon, have their moments.

What a pity that so much hard work from everyone has produced such a muddled, incoherent, nasty little shocker. Thank heaven for the ballets by Balanchine that began and ended the evening.



JOHN PERCIVAL Hard work to little purpose: Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov

CONCERTS

Budding artistry

Gorokhov/Nikitina/Kun St John's, Smith Square

THE first cautious jumps were taken last week from "Springboard", a three-concert series at St John's, whose aim is to catapult new artists and new works into the far from empty musical space around.

With debutant performers and composers' premieres jostling for space on London's concert platforms, this collaboration between an agent (Anglo-Swiss) and a publishing house (Novello) is particularly enterprising. Neither the Russian cellist Leonid Gorokhov nor the Chinese violinist Hu Kun is brand new to this country. But to hear each one in both wellestablished showpiece repertoire and in testing new works revealed a new side to their budding artistry.

Gorokhov, with his pianist Irina Nikitina, was landed with the Brahms E minor Cello Sonata and the UK premiere of Aulis Sallinen's "From a Swan Song". The Brahms sounded distinctly Russian here in its

depth of tone and energy of vibrato; but it also had a measured thoughtfulness about it special to Gorokhov's THE announcement of Level 42's eleventh album and accompanying tour has caused little perceptible excitement. That has not stopped the album. Guaranteed, from gliding into the Top 20, or the tickets from selling briskly. For every sceptic who regards Level 42 as Essex Band, and their music as anodyne cocktail-soul, there are scores of fans who like them

that way. To partisans, Level 42 are

the last redoubt of polished musician-

ship and a reminder of the days when dance music had proper tunes.

All of which is fine for in-car listening. This show provided an opportunity to find out how these own more introverted vision of the

The Finnish composer Sallinen has written some characteristic enigmas into his new cello and piano piece. The title alone is deliberately ambiguous, and so is the expression of the music, hovering between a lilting, aqueous melody and an uncertain, at times jarring, play with the semitonal motif of which he is so fond. The result is a cool, inscrutable elegy whose tone of voice Gorokhov captured to a nicety. Sallinen's new oboe quintet will receive its European premiere in this series at St John's on

Wednesday. Hu Kun, meanwhile, went to work with a will on the British premiere of David Lang's Illumination Rounds.
One of the few pieces in the world to derive inspiration from a bullet used in the Vietnam war, its pattern of "firing" and "trails" failed to distract from the paucity of invention in a counterpoint derived entirely from unisons and issuing in little more than technical bravura.

Kun has plenty of that and, thank goodness, more besides, as Saint-Saens's "Etude in the form of a Waltz" showed. His own witty grasp of style made for a stimulating meeting of musical minds which looks set to be repeated as "Springboard" continues.

HILARY FINCH

Time and motion

RLPO/Pešek Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

DOMINIC MULDOWNEY's Violin Concerto last week received no less than three performances on consecutive evenings, as part of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic's excellent Industrial Series, sandwiched be-tween Mendelssohn's Overture "Fingal's Cave" and Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony. Result: a very nearly packed house, and an encouragingly sympathetic reception for an uncompromising work which nevertheless manages to adopt an

immediately attractive stance.

As in his Percussion Concerto,
Muldowney plays with the relationship of the soloist to an orchestra split into two distinct sections. Two conductors — Muldowney himself and Libor Pešek — direct with the assis-tance of independent, co-ordinated click-tracks, highly necessary when in the second of the three movements the rhythmic proportion of the two ensembles works out at 499:500. This is a concepto about what a

Stockhausen's Trans, a bizarre dreamscape. Yet the piece functions on another, more important, and purely musical level. In superimposing two arithmetically non-coincident tempos. Muldowney deliberately forges a third, implied tempo. The effect on the music's momen

concerto is. It might also be, like

tum is rather akin to that in much of Harrison Birtwistle's music, a grinding of cogs whose motion is deliberate but inevitable. But the context in which this machine works is very different. Muldowney has chosen to make his concerto, like Bartók's, a set of seven variations, five of which constitute the complex first movement. Moreover, the theme which they

explore and extend is none other than the same Bach chorale. Es ist genug. which Berg used for his concerto. It is Berg's lush but delicate sound world. as well as some of his gentle rhythms and his sheer lyricism, of which we are most clearly reminded in this this highly impressive piece, for all the expected jazzy high jinks of the finalc. Tasmin Little was the soloist, and she tackled the work with consummate confidence, shaping her sound and her phrasing with care, total

flected also in the orchestral playing. I hope a recording is in the offing.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK

Smooth soul survivors

Level 42 Town & Country

The group had clearly devoted thought to the matter of stagecraft. "The William Tell Overture" and a siren heralded their entrance. Laserbeams flashed and Mark King's neon-lit bass guitar twinkled. The effect approximated a Spanish disco. with some football match thrown in

The image-consciousness touched the music, too. Gone were the famous meandering jam sessions and in was a concise package of old singles.

Starting with a note-perfect "Hot Water the hits kept coming, all harbouring a faint flavour of the early 1980s. The bubbly funk of that period was recalled by tunes like "Living It Up" and "Heaven in Your Hands". The former's interplay of voices - King's reedy timbre versus dup's celestial sweetness —

produced a captivating moment. The latter song, unobtrusive enough on disc, was enlivened by bright mariachi brass fills. Both epitomise Level 42's cheery populism, which is the

secret of their staying power.

commitment and a fearlessness re-

King, too, deserves special mention. He is saddled with the tag of World's Best Bass Player, which probably means little in this computer-led age. He ought to be acknowledged equally for his wisecracking stage persona. The man is wasted on pop music. After the dozenth excruciating oneliner it was obvious that what he really needs is his own chat-show. Channel 4, take note.

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Crazy cure for Broadway's old maladies

Mike Ockrent (below), the British director new enjoying his second New York musical hit with Crazy for You, has written a new novel about the Great White Way. He talks to Matt Wolf

wenty years ago. Mike Ockrent was a lapsed physicist turned theatre director, making his name in Scotland. Now, aged 45, he is in international demand, one of a trio of British directors (Treyor Nunn and Nicholas Hytner are the others) whose name on a Broadway musical virtually ensures production. It is no surprise, then, to discover from his home in north London that his thoughts are centred on Manhattan.

Last month Ockrent opened on Broadway the hit musical Crazy for You, loosely adapted from George and Ira Gershwin's 1930 Girl Crazy, which looks set to be among the most successful indigenous American musicals of the past decade. In addition, he has written his first novel, Running Down Broadway, which is being published in Britain this week. Its topic? The triumphs and tribulauitions of working the Great White

Way.
"The excitement in New York is obviousenormous," Ockrent says, obviously undeterred by the high-stakes, hit-or-miss atmosphere which has driven many a comparable director from New York. "Having grown up on Moss Harr's Act One (the lyricist's memoir of a life on. Broadway), to me that's what I expected it to be like so I was fully prepared and happy to accept it." Besides, he argues, the adrenalin can be productive: "When you do a musical, especially in the States, you need that. Without it, the show itself has no brio. It all becomes lackiustre and duli."

There is brio to spare in the behind-the-scenes shenanigans chronicled in Running Down Broadway, which Ockrent finished last summer just prior to American rehearsals for Crazy for You. In the novel, one John Lewis flees his solitary life in Willesden and his job on a Fleet Street newspaper to write a book chronicling a Broadway musical on, of all topics. Galileo. The show's creators are rarely calm when cantankerousness will suffice and Lewis finds himself an awestruck witness to power-plays between the pro-George Gibson, and the dying director, Ross Boardman. Any similarities to the real-life



scenario of David Merrick and Gower Champion — Merrick announced Champion's death in 1980 from the stage at the opening night of the show 42nd - are coincidence, Ockrent insists. While Broadway insiders will have fun guessing the real-life identity of characters such as composer Jerry Trimlock, the au-thor says his intention was to evoke

a mood, not to score points, "The book is made up of elements of all sorts of people I've known and have come across and imagined, all of them heightened and larger than life," says Ockrent, whose London credits include Cameron Mackintosh's production of Follies in 1987. What interests me most is that relationship between the director and the producer in the commercial theatre, which can be quite fruity and argumentative. But it's probably healthy; it keeps everything vibrant and alive."

It helps, too, when that relationship results in a hit, which Ockrent's two Broadway musicals have both been. Having received rather tepid reviews from American critics visiting London, a snappier Broadway version of Me and My Girl went on to get 13 Tony nominations and run three and a half years in New York.

Its success there, as well as elsewhere internationally, has subsidised Ockrent ever since, freeing him to do only those projects that appeal, as opposed to staging five shows a year to pay for "the bikes

dand birthdays, all the things that middle class north London kids Traced and want".

With Crazy for You he found himself the lone British creator of a glossy musical pastiche that could not be more American, and he acknowledges that the situation had its absurdities. "Often I'd carch myself thinking What am I doing here? Ockrent recalls. "We were holding auditions in Los Angeles, and I suddenly heard myself saying with this plummy north London voice, 'Could you try that with a little more Western

Later, in New York, he became tongue-tied on the promunciation of the word "can't". "I was giving notes to Harry (star Harry Groener) about "They Can't Take That Away from Me" and I couldn't figure out which way to say the word. I couldn't decide how to give the note."

reeted with near unanimous raves when it. opened, Crazy for You currently carries an advance sale of \$7 million (£4.1 million), and seems a sure bet to win the Best Musical Tony award in June. Frank Rich in the New York Times used its opening to announce that the Broadway mu-sical had after a decade finally been wrested away from the British, a sentiment which left the show's English director bemused.

"I found that terribly flattering and odd and confusing at the same time," says Ockrent. "I remember Andrew Lloyd Webber the year Cats opened on Broadway saying he hoped it would be the birth of a real sense of exchange between London and New York, and that seemed exactly the rightremark to make. In a way, it's sad that it's become so much to do with them versus us."

Still, a 100 per cent track record for hit Broadway musicals is no small achievement, and Ockrent must now spend the next few years shepherding various productions of Crazy for You around the world. (A London version opens next

In the straight play sector, though, Ockrent's American venCrazy for You: set to be among the most successful indigenous American musicals of the decade tures have fared less well. A prelet it die a lingering death." Looking ahead, Ockrent plans more work in television and film — Broadway tour of Educating Rita. an RSC and West End success for Ockrent and playwright Willie Russell, closed on the road. Once a his one movie credit to date is Russell's Dancin' Through the Dark — and he will next direct a Catholic, Mary O'Malley's longrunning London hit lasted less BBC play by Tim Firth. But as he sifts through more and more than a week on Broadway, as did Rowan Atkinson's stand-up rouauthors, the director realises it is tine both of them directed by the scale of his work, not the work

itself, that has changed. "You find yourself thinking, This is English, and they don't "The truth is that it's only a question of degree," says Ockrent, respond to it so it might as well go a scientist's son who began in the quickly.' In some ways it's much theatre while nominally studying physics at Edinburgh University. better to get a show off fast than to

AS IF the result of this year's

election were not enough to worry

about, John Cooper's political thriller The Law Lord (Screen

Two, BBC 2 last night, director:

Jim Goddard) imagined that in

1996 the Conservatives are back

in power and strong enough to sort out the judiciary. If today's

climate of opinion is anything to go by, this reform would be hailed

as truly popular, but wait: what the

devilish new Home Secretary has

in mind is not merely a little

consistency in sentencing, and the

pliant judges who will not obstruct

his vision of "a compassionate

government concerned for the

country's good". Translated from Weaselspeak, this means right-

wing tyranny and bullets for those

Cooper implied that the self-

selecting system works in this direction already, which was hard

to reconcile with the premise of his

play, where the Home Secretary

replaced a perfectly compliant

Lord Chancellor with Anthony

who disagree.

tougher the better, but a bench of

"Sitting in that balcony looking at the stage is only a slightly different experience from watching Crazy for You from the balcony of the Shubert Theatre. It's all about degree: the principles and the basis of your work remain

"starved", as the jargon has it. We saw one such judge sitting in the Victoria Tower Gardens looking

Nuggets of constitutional know-

ledge came our way, easily for the

most part, and titbits of legal

practice. Members of the bar, it

seems, do not shake hands with

each other. Not many people know that. Eventually Andrews stopped smiling faintly and in one full-face

shot became as cross as James

Cagney, though with calmer eye-

brows. Refusing to play the gov-

ernment's dirty game, he is impeached and tried by his peers before a stained glass window

representing Westminster Hall. Here he delivered the sort of heroic

speech beloved of old-fashioned

political drama, but he ended dead, just like Lord Chancellor

Thomas More all those years ago.

enough, with Bernard Hill's arch-

villain chewing his lip like a true conspirator, unless he was wincing

at the orange wallpaper in the Home Office. I would not like to

say that the press has always come

to the aid of the individual and

hang the party, but the absence of

any indication of newspaper con-cern once the judges started re-signing en masse, dying and

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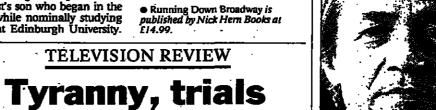
The performances were likeable

very hungry indeed.

and tribulations



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New York news: Pierre Boulez

The season opens in September with Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. the first work ever performed by the orchestra, and concludes in June next year with a week-long festival of music by Leonard Bernstein, who had a 47-year relationship with the orchestra. Thirty-six composers have been commissioned to write new works celebrating the anniversary, including Messiaen and the British composer Oliver Knussen; 13 will be premiered during the season.

Last chance...

WITH the phenomenal success of "Stay", which has been at the top of the UK chart for more than a month, Shakespears Sister has consolidated an enviable reput-ation for coining classic romantic pop themes with an imaginative, left-field flourish. Convened at the tail-end of the Eighties, the incongruous coupling of American vo-cal virtuoso Marcella Detroit and the ex-Bananarama girl Siobhan Fahey has proved a refreshing and seductive alternative to the vacuous charms of most mainstream pop contenders. Although the pair write their songs together, it is Detroit, with her four-and-ahalf octave range, who dominates the live show. The costumes are pretty dazzling too. Shakespears Sister's British tour ends at Town & Country in London (071-284 0303) tomorrow and Wednesday.

The trouble with keeping Mum

Straight and Narrow Wyndham's

THE women tended to be loud and bossy, the men timid and gormless. They were to be found in raucous pier-end entertainments and on Donald McGill postcards and, at the sophisticated end of the market, in realistic comedies by north-country dramatists. It would surprise me if such figures did not barge and bumble about Jimmie Chinn's imagination as he grew up in suburban Manchester. In many ways his likeable Straight and Narrow is the traditional Lancashire play, freshened up for the 1990s.

Nobody says "by gum" or "ee lad" any more. Home is a mock-Tudor semi, not the scrubbed terrace of yesteryear. The characters, though still wary of foreigners, seem to take their holidays in Malta, not Blackpool. But the centre of their tiny universe continues to be Mum: a natural despot who blithely sentimentalises the husband she drove to the grave and does her best to entomb her brood in her pet notions of what is respectable and right.

All three children fall prey to her busybodying ego. Nona (Anna Keaveney) is having marital trou-bles with Arthur (John Hartley), one of those big, bashful dopes who used regularly to blunder through Lancashire plays. Lois (Melanie Kilburn) is pregnant yet again by Bill (Peter Jonfield), a person and an event not to Mum's liking. Worse, Bob (Nicholas

BY THE time Monteverdi published his "madrigals of love and war", in 1638, the form could embrace anything from chirpy little songs to miniature operas: the range from love to war was rather less wide, since the same imagery of pursuit, yielding

and death could serve for Andrew Parrott's selection from the volume is a brilliant window into this repertory, the rhythm light and agile and word-centred as it has to be, the voices fresh and clear but at the same time sensuously enjoying themselves, the instrumental support nimble and dexterous. "Hor che'l ciel", a marvellous setting of a Petrarch sonnet, begins in cool darkness and ends on a



Vera (Carmel McSharry) tries to separate Jeff (Neil Daglish, left) and Bob (Nicholas Lyndhurst)

Lyndhurst) not only refuses to find a nice wife, but returns from a trip to the Mediterranean shrilly rowing with his live-in friend Jeff (Neil Daglish) about - but Mum can-

not fathom the reasons for all the flouncing and bad language.
We can, though. Lyndhurst's wan, woebegone Bob is the narrator as well as a participant, and wryly lets slip his secrets. He is, as Mum would say, "not quite right": a homosexual homebody at odds with a lover who is fretting at the domestic bit. It is Bob's edgy, fibbing encounters with Murn that provide the play with most of its tension; and here Chinn's touch

Carmel McSharry, a creased blend of ancient mastiff and old sofa, is equally unerring as the matriarchal Vera. Her children see through her dour warnings, her fake benevolence, and all her guilt-mongering manipulations; but they still squirm when she says things like "there's always trouble when I try to lend a helping hand: sometimes I think I'd be better off in a home". That her complaints are a bit repetitive matters not a jot. Whenever she is in full flood,

the evening is a delight.

Chinn is admirably served by actors who, in Allan Davis's production, have the offhanded rapport of people who have been wearily tolerating each other for years. He is also quite a find himself: not a moral or emotional heavyweight, perhaps, but a fresh, funny middlebrow with a keen yet sympathetic eye for family gamesmanship. There is a moment towards the end when Lyndhurst's Bob, drawing on his flimsy reserves of courage, asks McSharry's Vera if she has anything to ask him. "I don't think so," comes the answer, and we see that at some unacknowledged level she knows what he is, and he knows she knows. Many a more pretentious writer could not suggest that.

Andrews, a simple barrister, clear-eyed and half the age of any of the judges around. Presumably the intention was to bend him as he went along, but the plan goes wrong as Andrews begins to learn the secrets of the Lord Chancellor's office. In a room without a window, shelves of folders record the doings of every barrister likely to become a judge; judges who get too uppity — in other words, too

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JEREMY KINGSTON intemerata, from the reign of Henry VIII, and it is as if all this had never happened: the voices do not interfold but budge against each other in long, vegetal lines, with the

Later and more familiar Tallis is different again: the calm after the storm. However, there is no other recording I know that makes the calm of the Lamentations so full and living: a maner not just of splendid tone but also of phrasing with the intensest effort. Because of its spread, and because of its superbness. this is one of the best things Peter Phillips and his singers

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breathtakingly erotic swell of women's voices. The "Lam-ento della ninfa", most operatic of these pieces, has the girl's sweet-melancholy song of abandonment beautifully placed in the narrative frame of three male voices, bending in to sympathise without being quite able to reach to

The excellent group Tragicomedia, an ensemble of voices with the plush and twangling but taut accompaniment of strings, lutes, harps and keyboards, offers a conspectus of English music Montaverdi: Madrigali guerrieri et amorosi Taverner Consort/Parrott. EMI CDC 7 54333 2 Lawes, Johnson: Orpheus I am Tragicomedia/Stubbs. EMI CDC 7 54311 2 Tallis: Lamentations of Jeremiah Tallis Scholars/Phillips. Gimeli CDGIM 025 Isaac: Missa de apostolis Tallis Scholars/Phillips. Gimeli

from much the same period. but covering a broader range. Again there are tiny dramas, these in several songs by Robert Johnson, whose set-

ting of "Full fathom five" for

the original Tempest is in-

childed here. But there are

also Herrick songs by William Lawes, as bright and

clear as folksong, and fantastical instrumental pieces by the same composer, all done with a daring extravagance and immediacy. This is altogether a long, choice and fascinating survey of the musical luxuries of the early Smarts, with a relish for the naivety that marks the music off from that of Monteverdi. The gap between England and the Continent, but a century earlier, is further suggested by two recent discs from the Tallis Scholars, who

seem to make a winner every time. Their selection from Heinrich Isaac - who worked for the Emperor Maximilian, contemporary of Henry VII - proposes a fine and sonorous expression of the new humanism, mostly richer in texture than Josquin's music, but equally lucid. But turn to Tallis's

top part way up there in pinnacles of sound

PAUL GRIFFITHS

ARTS BRIEF

Saved in time

JOHN DRUMMOND and his European Arts Festival have come to the rescue of the nascent Almeida-English National Opera contemporary opera festival, to be called Almeida Opera. The event's debut was cancelled last year when the Almeida Theatre's London Boroughs Grants Scheme money

Almeida Opera, running from July I to 18, will not be an official part of Drummond's six-month festival, but it will come at the start of the European event thanks to £40,000 from Drummond. £50,000 from the Peter Moores Foundation and £50,000 from the new London Arts Board, plus about another £40,000 from private sponsorship. A further £50,000 is still needed to ensure that a new work by John Taverner, Many of Egypt, jointly commis-sioned by Almeida Opera and the Aldeburgh Festival, is part of the new lestival.

Dancing on

SO SUCCESSFUL is Brian Friel's Irish memory play, Dancing at Lughnasa, that its West End run has been extended. The producers have announced that the play, which enters its second year on the West End this week, will continue at the Garrick Theatre until at least September 19. The original Abbey Theatre production has enjoyed international acclaim since its National Theatre debut in 1990, winning every major Best Play award in Britain. Its Broadway run also continues, although box-office takings dipped dramatically after the original Irish cast left at the beginning of March; meanwhile, 15 new productions are currently planned worldwide.

Celebrating

HARD on the heels of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, which celebrates its 150th anniversary later this week, comes the New York Philharmonic, which has just announced details of its 150th anniversary season. The actual anniversary falls on December 7, when Kurt Masur, Zubin Mehta and Pierre Boulez (the present music director and his two immediate predecessors) share the conducting. Fittingly, Masur will conduct Dvorak's New World Symphony, to which the New York Philharmonic gave the world premiere a hundred years ago.



Colonel Stephen Love tells Michael Evans about accusations of incompetence in the 1982 war

Falklands facts

ven ten years later, the finger-pointing and accusations can make Colonel Stephen Love angry. He sits in his drawing room overlooking a valley that stretches towards the Dart estuary and picks through the documents he keeps in a box file.

The file is not marked "Falklands war" but inside are letters, signals and reports to back up his argument that the British embassy in Bue-nos Aires did not fail in its duty in early 1982 to warn of an impending Argentine invasion of Britain's South Atlantic colony.

Colonel Love is a sheep farmer now and in the middle of lambing at his 125-acre farm near Brixham in Devon. He ended his army career as an artilleryman in 1983 and he and his wife took a course at an agricultural college. He had no previous experience, although he says that dealing with sheep is similar to handling artillery: "With guns you stick it all in the back and it comes out the front, with sheep you stick it in the front and it comes out the back."

His solid, attractive house, a mixture of 12th and 19thcentury architecture, sits on a plateau looking south-west. When the south-westerly wind comes up through the valley, it can bend the windows. He has been up most of the night delivering lambs and occasionally his mind drifts away from the subject matter. But it is soon back

In 1982, when the Argentine generals and admirals were plotting to seize the Falklands from the British, Colonel Love was defence attaché in the embassy in Buenos Aires. He had travelled widely during his army career but this was his first appointment as an attaché. The embassy in Buenos Aires was, he says, a tightly run ship. His "boss", Sir Anthony Williams, was a charming, friendly ambassador, whose career was to be destroyed by the events.

Colonel Love is an honourable man. He feels that as the tenth anniversary of the invasion approaches, he is the only one who can speak out on behalf of the embassy and explain exactly what hap-pened in the weeks leading up to the Argentine venture. Sir Anthony is dead and most of the others working at the embassy at the time are still serving. He is spurred by recent comments made in a television programme by Nick Barker, the former captain of HMS Endurance, the ice patrol ship which acted as the Royal Navy's eyes and ears in the South Atlantic between the Falklands and the Argentine mainland. Captain Barker claimed in the BBC2 programme War Stories that the British am-

From artilleryman to sheep farming: Ten years on, Colonel Love feels a duty to speak out for the British embassy

bassador in Buenos Aires ignored the warnings that Argentina was preparing a military adventure.

There were failings, Colonel Love admits, but he insists that the ambassador was as aware as anyone in the embassy that a military operawas threatened. But warnings sent by signal from the embassy were never taken seriously.

The most blatant example was the reaction to a special report Colonel Love sent on

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March 2, 1982 which out- Love to warn London of the lined the options facing the military junta in Argentina and the likely steps it would take to resolve the Falklands issue. This detailed, personal report was not read by the director of the defence intelligence staff at the Ministry of Defence until the middle of May, by which time the invasion was more than four veeks old and the British taskforce was on its way to the South Atlantic.

"I went to see him in his office at the ministry when I got back to London in May,"
Colonel Love says. "He told me my report had just landed on his desk. I couldn't believe

Colonel Love's official home in Buenos Aires was an ugly but grand house with marble floors and chandeliers. His wife, Robin, recalls that the floor was the colour of mortadella. "If you dropped a slice of salami on the floor, you couldn't find it. she says. On the night of March 31, two days before the Argentines landed at Port Stanley, the Loves were entertaining General Luciano Menendez, the Argentinian army chief of operations, and his wife. Menendez was in what Mrs Love described as a

'foxy" mood. Colonel Love suspected that Argentina was about to launch an operation to seize the Falklands, although he had no evidence of mobilisation. Embassy staff had been shredding documents for a week and he had been

secretly packing upstairs.
What he could not know was that his dinner guest was to be appointed governor of the Falklands after the invasion, once the British governor, Rex Hunt, had been sent home. War was in the air but at the dinner party, at which the deputy commander of Argentine army logistics was also present, everyone diplo-

matically avoided the subject. Part of the defence attache's job was to find out which of the Argentine generals were in town and which ones had gone missing. This would give an indication of who might be involved in the threatened Falklands adventure. Colonel Love says: "Menendez was bubbly and effervescent at supper. The fact that he was spending time socialising either meant he was innocent of doing anything untoward or he was trying to fool me. I thought it

The supper was the culmination of a series of events, ties, securing the airfield and that had persuaded Colonel jetty, grabbing the governor

danger facing the Falkland Islands. When he decided to make a trip to the Falklands to find out how vulnerable the islands were and to assess Rex Hunt was all for it, but the defence ministry in London said he could not go. The Falklands were outside his area of responsibility. he was told (he was defence attaché for Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay) — unless he took his family with him and paid for the trip himself. Then it would look to the

were taking a holiday. . He went and was never reimbursed. After a quick look around the islands seeing the marines based at Moody Brook and the police

Buenos Aires junta as if he

'There is a great deal of fingerpointing going on. Most of it seems to be aimed at the embassy'

in Stanley he came to a simple conclusion. "The Falklands were a sitting duck," he

He sent his report to Rex Hunt, with copies to the Foreign Office and the defence ministry. The ambassador read his report and endorsed it. Under one heading, "Shots across the bows". Colonel Love suggested the Argentine navy might try to set up a naval research station on an outlying island or land marines by helicopter on an island for 24 hours and carry out low-level flying over Port

Stanley. However, under another heading, "Invasion", he warned that a "straight seizure" was an obvious alternative. Argentina was well practised in the art of coup de main, he said. He then outlined the likely course of Argentine military action: neutralising the detachment of 40 Royal Marines, capturing communications faciliand personal staff and replacing them with Argentine military.

Colonel Love referred to the importance of having accurate and timely intelligence, preferably by watching out for military activity at Cordoha home of the airborne brigade, and at Rio Gallegos. the nearest airfield to the Falklands. "I never got a reply," he says. "There was absolute silence. I suspect at the Foreign Office there was a natural scepticism that anyone who was a soldier could make a deduction on a diplo-

is suspicions were borne out when he saw his report back in London A Foreign Office official had scribbled on the top: "I suggest the ambassa-dor has asked this to be sent. It says nothing that we don't already know.

Colonel Love followed up his March 2 report with another one on March 24, which warned of the risk of allowing HMS Endurance to be sent to South Georgia to remove the Argentine "scrap metal men" who had arrived without permission at the old whaling station site, the inci-dent that was the precursor to the invasion on April 2. There was no reply to the second report either.

There is a great deal of finger pointing going on at the moment, and most of it seems to be aimed at the embassy and in particular at Sir Anthony Williams," Colo-nel Love says. "But that's totally misguided and unjust. London knew what was going on as well as anyone. If anyone asks, 'did Colonel Love say that Galtieri was going to invade the Falklands on April 2', the answer is no. But I could never have been in a position to make a prediction like that."

The colonel's exit from Argentina after diplomatic relations were severed immediately after the invasion was carried out with due ceremony, and high farce. The Argentines insisted on sending representatives from the ministry of foreign affairs, army headquarters and the police to escort him and his wife to the Uruguayan border. "We knew the road very well but they hadn't a clue and in the end we had to show them the way," he recalls.

The colonel pats his border collie and prepares to go and deliver another lamb. Sheep farming is a lot simpler than dabbling in foreign affairs.

Techniques to keep you on the edge of the bed

Why Ernie Lord firmly believes we will all sleep

better if we

bounce around a lot before bedtime

¬o be bedded by Emie ter. He is chief bedtester at Dunlopillo's Harrogate headquarters and. accompanying him round the bed department of Clover's furnishing store in Leeds, it becomes clear that Mr Lord's technique is unlikely to be bettered by anything.

"You have to really test a bed. I mean you can even spend up to two hours just lying on a bed in a shop," Mr Lord suggests, leaping onto a Slumberland mattress. "Bringing blankets in might be a bit difficult but you must certainly try moving around as if you were in bed at

The nation's sleeping hab-its are in disarray, according to the National Bed Federation, and we only have a couple of weeks to rectify the situation. For March has been deemed National Bed Month, a time when we are supposed to turn back our

> Ά machine can tell you if a bed is hard. But can it tell you if it is comfy?'

duvers in horror, and rush down to our nearest department store to try out some of Mr Lord's techniques.
A fresh bed should always

be tested before you take it home, Mr Lord says, because "a machine can tell you But can it tell you whether it is comfy or not? You should be aware your bed is something for you to have a look at." He can check out a bed in a matter of seconds, and assess whether you will end up as one of the bunch who takes 59 million working days off a year due to back pain caused

by bad beds.
"You lose half a pint of water a night in bed," Mr Lord says. "Add this up over 15 years: you could fill several bathfuls of sweat with the amount that's in your bed. Then there's the few thousand dust mites who live in the mattress."

Happily for Mr Lord, Dunlopillo's latex mattresses allow drainage of your nightly half-pint; nor do they involve what he creepily terms 'nesting areas", as they have no springs or flock stuffing.

e adopt more than 50 positions during the night, Mr Lord says, most of which he proceeds to demonstrate with enthusiasm on the shop floor. "First, you have to sit down really hard on the bed. Now, did you hear that crunch of springs? he asks as the head-board goes crashing to the ground. "Next, try lying on the edge." Balancing precariously on the outer margin on the Slumberland, Mr Lord falls in a perfect arc onto the carpet. "There you are! Before you know it, you're on the floor." Well, you were on the edge of the bed, Mr Lord. "Partners often get themselves into this situation, and you must be able to balance on the edge of the bed. That's me off again!," he shouts as he falls heavily off a Sleepeezee. "You need to test each area of the bed, to check it is all of the same firmness," Mr Lord instructs.

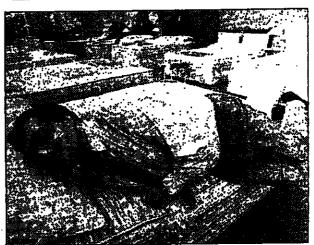
For any would-be bed purchaser, the professional way to do this is to stand at the foot of the bed, slowly bouncing on the balls of the feet. Lean forward, then spring back onto the bed, forming a kind of neo-shoulder stand. Repeat this action to cover all areas of the bed. "You must listen for creaky springs." Mr Lord says, waving his legs in the air with the precision of the experienced tester. He explains that this is an attempt to "develop out" any



You have to really test a bed . .



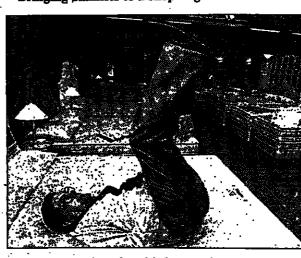
"and move around a lot. Listen for creaky springs . . .



"and try balancing on the edge. That's me off again! ...



Bringing blankets to a shop might be difficult . . .



'but you must imagine this is the middle of the night"

You need to imagine this is the middle of the night," he says, rather unconvincingly. Mr Lord was born to be a bed tester. "I used to fall out of bed regularly as a boy," he says, revealing that he had recurring nightmares about troops of Highland warriors abed in hay lofts. All this nonsense about sleeping was soon drummed out of him, however, when he left school at 14 and became an appren-tice at an undertakers. "Coffins and beds; they're still basically boxes," he says, with a hint of nostalgia. "Just different in terms decoration."

The work of a bed tester is varied, if nothing else. On average, Mr Lord and his wife check out a new bed every three months. We've had everything in our bedroom," he says cheerily. 'We've been on singles, back into a double. We've even had a 6'6" x 6' double bed with both halves lifting electronically. We had our moments on that, I must say."

One imagines life with the Lord family as a never-ending

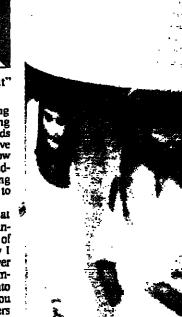
athletic sequence of charging upstairs and producing shoulder stands on the beds in the name of research. "I've gone past my children. I now test beds on my two grandsons; sometimes I even ring people up and ask them to test a bed for me."

However, the customers at the Leeds store seemed unaware of these high-jinks of bed research. "This is how I would test a bed," says Clover customer Ms Campbell, gingerly pressing one finger into a Dunlopillo mattress. "You need to get a pair of trousers on and throw yourself around a bit," Mr Lord says encouragingly. But Ms Campbell seems unconvinced, "British people just don't do this sort

of thing, do they?"

Maybe not yet; but with the help of National Bed Month and department stores, we may soon all be springing onto the springs. "You need to lie and contemplate a new bed." Mr Lord shouts from a prostrate position aboard a Cumfilux. "And don't forget to ask the shop for a pillow."

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French fashion Parisians are eschewing the dictates of the catwalk this season in a fashionable free-for-all, reports Liz Smith

ashion's real victim is not just the over-enthusiastic shopper wearing a garish hotchpotch of prevailing fads from the beret on her cropped. head to the latest platform soles, but the slave to any one designer's

Karl Lagerfeld, Yves Saint Lau-rent, Claude Montana, Christian Dior and the rest of the top names in the business may all be dictating their latest line at the collec-tions in Paris this week, but it remains one of fashion's ironies that contemporary style can be best observed in the street. Designers can propose. Women must dispose. The only fashion trends that really matter are those that are seen to work on the stylish

Reports from the catwalks this season — and last — announce a mystifying mish-mash of long skirts, short shorts, handkerchiefpoint hemlines that cover all options and the trouser suit with the masculine cut. Jungle patterns iostle with black and white op art prints. Psychedelic colours scream out against the ubiquitous back-drop of top-to-toe black. What is to

The Parisienne has the answe She loves the graphic chic of leopard spots, but just a touch — in gloves, bag, ankle boots, hat or scarf - is enough to perk up a simple sweater and skirt. She is collecting a wardrobe of classics, but instead of paying FFr6,000 or more for a designer reefer coat or the fashionable white shirt that is the basis of the crisp, tailored look coming into vogue, she can track one down in a man's shop or in one of the army surplus stores around Les Halles

Leggings and bodysuits are worn by all ages — and, inevitably, all shapes. At best they provide a streamlined base for the neat jacket which is the biggest invest-ment of every Parisienne and instantly update all her existing

The young avant-garde go for a long, lean look, a trend they picked up from the anti-establishment's favourite designer, Martin Margiela. A Belgian who has a tendency to stage his shows on building sites, he has pioneered the new narrow shoulders and droopy frock coats reminiscent of ...

Ankle-skimming maxi skirts and skinny "poor boy" sweaters with ribbon chokers at the neck, droopy transparent dresses, cobwebby knits, platform shoes: all add up to the pervasive 1970s

revival on the streets. Jersey is the fashionable stuff for



long bias-cut skirts. Fringing adds to the hippy ragtag feel and young men with pigtails and beads, zooming into the place de la Contrescarpe and the rue Mouffetard near the Sorbonne on motorbikes for un petit noir, sport tight striped trousers or pattes d'elephants - flares - with pigtails and beads. Karl Lagerfeld's latest collec-

tion, shown in Paris last Friday, demonstrated how the 1970s mood might filter through into more mainstream fashion. Beautifully cut, elongated jackets with a flatteringly narrow fit at the shoulders and long, skinny sleeves will no doubt become the silhouette for winter, worn with narrow stirrup trousers or a slinky mid-calf skirt. Givenchy (and you cannot get

that) has also shown longer jackets cut away in a curve at the front. For night-time, Lagerfeld has translated his liking for for flut-tery, transparent 1970s veils into over narrow trousers.

layers of long soft tunics and jackets in shadowy chiffon worn Meanwhile the spring sunshine

has coaxed women out of the

brightly coloured Michelin man

Among the many mix-and-match styles now stalking Legs are back on show for those leggings updating a black leather trenchcoat; a conservative alternative to the new skirt. The remaining bright colours on the coat; long, layered, Twiggy-style 1970s separates worn with a streets are in short trenchcoats backpack that have backpack to the 1980s; and, inset, a rocket and bright betted coats worn with shaped hag and leggardeskip hat that twiffs the greenst recovery and bright belted coats, worn with shaped bag and leopard-skin hat that typify the current vogue thick, colourful or matt black for amusing, graphic accessories.

Photographs by Justin Creedy-Smith

My single statement is that

longues designed by Tom Dixon. Reclining on one, Mr

Dress for stress

uying a new outfit is known to have a tonic effect. You look good, so you feel good. Now the designer Azzedine Alaīa has come up with clothing that he claims not only raises your

spirits but cures your ilis. Fashion's first therapeutic fabric is made from a new jersey called Relax. Claims that pulling on an Alala Relax catsuit might cure tension and headaches, dispens-ing with the need for Valium or aspirin, sound far-fetched. But, by protecting the body from the invisible electromagnetic waves given off by

A new fabric from Italy claims literally to make you feel good

fabric is said to reduce the ailments that these are believed to cause.

Relax contains a fine filament of nylon mixed with carbon, which has already been tested and used by Nasa as a protective lining. The new fabric, developed by Ital-

Outfits in Relax from Azzedine Alaïa's new collection

ian textile company Lineapiu in conjunction with the international chemical company BASF, combines this with

cotton, viscose or wool. "We wanted something that not only looked good in fashion terms, but literally makes you feel good, and we knew carbon provided a shield from electromagnetic waves." says Giuliano Coppini, the president of Lineapiu.

Tests carried out in the Laboratory of Public Health in Ivrea, near Turin, showed that an ordinary fibre containing 6 per cent carbon helps protect those parts of the body covered. According to Profes-sor Santi Tofani, the director of the laboratory, "The carbonated fabric is particularly effective at reducing the electro-magnetic field in the low range of radio frequencies that abound in the atmosphere."

Signor Coppini offered M Alaia exclusive use of the yarn for a year. Only a few Alasa knits in this summer's range are made from Relax among them a long, ribbedknit, hooded dress and a ruffle-edged catsuit with flared trousers - but more will appear in the winter collection.

"It is not a mirade cloth. but I saw the demonstration in Turin and ca fait du bon." M Alaïa says. He has not been able to experience the benefits of the new yarn himself: "Can you imagine me in a little stretch dress?"

Daniela Ballarini, a psychologist and a member of the Italian Society of Biofeedback, carried out tests measuring body tension. A model wore an Alaïa anti-stress dress one day, and an ordinary sweater-dress the next. On the second day, her stress level was 50 per cent higher. The psycho-knit has arrived.

A south London developer has a mission to make workers happy

oger Zogolovitch's theory is that if you give people a pleasant enough atmosphere in which to work, they will become more creative. They might

also work harder. Mr Zogolovitch is a commercial property developer who "wanted to create an acceptable and enjoyable place for people to be". So he went to Alaska

Last summer he sent out posters to the media showing the Pole Star, oil fields, glaciers, a recipe for Baked Alaska and a slogan reading: "North to the Future; South to Success". The South to which they were invited was

Bermondsey, a south London suburb, and the home of the Alaska Works: a building which, according to Mr Zogolovitch, its owner, has

been "developed for living and for creativity" The Alaska Works is an art



Roger Zogolovitch: 'It's about time we thought of the people first'

Art and the Arctic it's time we thought about the people first." And so Alaska has not only beautiful art deco window deco triumph. Designed in 1934 by Wallis Gilbert, whose masterpiece was the frames and stair-wells. It also has 1930s desks, and a foyer filled with elegant chaise-

Hoover factory on the Great West Road, it was owned by

the Alaska Fur company,

which used it to house and

Zogolovitch gazes out into the courtyard. "I am like a film producer. This is my producprocess fur coats. It is a veritable glacier of white contion! Just look at this wonderful light! The air!" The stylish crete and glass. Mr Zogolovitch bought the Mr Zogolovitch, whose secbuilding in 1987 and has invested £15 million in makond home in Poole is the converted interior of the ing it "an environment for creative people". It has a bar, Mauretania, does not expect local opposition for trying to a gym, a restaurant and a create Soho in southeast London. He wants to breed recording studio downstairs. "I want to get a radio creative station in here, a newspaper, and TV production com-panies," Mr Zogolovitch says. "I want to make a microcosm

of Soho." He has engineered the whole Alaska dream with revolutionary zeal. "I trained as an architect. I spent all my time understanding how to deal with the future, not look at the limitations of the present day," he says, charging up the seven-storey tower.

Come up to the roof." Standing on the white-balustraded pinnacle, a few feet above the crimson neon sign, Mr Zogolovitch expounded his theory of property development. " Developers need to be creative about our cities; and I have a vision.

talent on the "What I feel is appropriate is to sustain a local economy. This building used to employ 2.000 people. Maybe now it will employ up to a thousand

again."
A fifth of Alaska, which opened last September, is now full. Mr Zogolovitch needs to woo the other 80 per cent of creative industries within a year if the project is to work. "Young guys come up to me and say how much they like it." he says, gazing up at the tower. "Then they tell their friends to come, because it is a groovy building. Which of course it is."

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EDUCATION TIMES

Politicians pick their vote-catchers

Education remains high on the agenda. John O'Leary looks at the parties' stance on the main issues

he party manifestos were never likely to spring many surprises on education policy. The politicians had been trailing their pet schemes tor weeks beforehand.

The start of the campaign has confirmed, however, that education — particularly in state schools — is assuming an importance rarely seen in pre-vious elections. Not only was it the first subject dealt with by the Conservatives, but all the party leaders have made schools and colleges regular ports of call on their travels.

Now that defence is no longer a big issue and consensus reigns over Europe, only the economy and health come before education in the voters' stated priorities. The parties can only hope they have judged correctly the concerns that have propelled the subject up the political agenda.

A Channel 4 poll of more than 4,000 parents and adult education students named an improvement in the three Rs, smaller classes and better discipline as prime topics for a new government. Resources topped the list for parents of primary school children. Twothirds of interviewees, and 71 regarded smaller classes as the single most important change needed. Parents of secondary school children rated teachers' pay a close second to class size. Both groups of parents were

The poll offered little encouragement for the Conservatives. Only 14 per cent mentioned opting out, and only 5 per cent thought too much course work was allowed in GCSE courses. The same proportion felt there was too little course work. -

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has admitted that the public equate im-provements in standards with increased spending and are wary of structural change in the public services. The Conservatives must convince the voters that the radical reforms they have introduced need time to bear fruit, that opting

out will take off in a fourth term and the Parent's Charter will improve schools through

market pressures.
Their opponents cannot assume they have won the argument. Labour must hope its attacks on selective education do not backfire because of nostalgia for grammar schools and fear of a monolithic com-

The Liberal Democrats have gambled that education is of sufficient concern to the voters to warrant an extra lp on income tax, even though the party is alone in arguing that standards are adequate

As the campaign develops. the main themes are emerging as standards, resourcing and choice, each of which is an area of strength for at least one of the parties.

ALTHOUGH standards are traditional Conservative territory, Labour are taking advanto make the issue its own. Recent reports have confirmed a decline in reading standards in primary schools, and shown British performance in mathematics and science lagging behind that in South-East Asian countries.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, blames the government, and makes capital from the fact that only one cabinet minister, Tony Newton, sent his children to state. secondary schools. Constant ministerial tinkering with the national curriculum has overburdened schools and destabi-

lised teaching, he claims. Labour are promising an education standards commission, with appointments confirmed by a Commons select committee, and run independently of government. Her Majesty's Inspectors would link with local services to monitor schools' performance: The commission would set targets for local authorities. which would decide funding. In primary schools, Labour are promising a reading recovery scheme to target slow

learners. In secondary schools,







Doing the rounds: the party leaders see the schools. Neil Kinnock meets pupils in Bristol, Paddy Ashdown makes a point in Kew, west London, and John Major visits Lincoln

there would be a reform of Alevels as part of a unified system of qualifications, linking the vocational with the academic. The party supports the proposal, rejected by Mar-garet Thatcher, for most sixthformers to take five "leaner" Alevels, rather than three.

The Conservative manifesto claims credit for "real improvements". The national curriculum, testing and tighter controls over GCSE and A-levels would all improve

Mr Clarke said on radio last week that he could not be sure whether standards were falling, but the government's reforms would work, given time. John Major has blamed some schools, trying to place responsibility for poor stan-dards on local authorities. The party's "39 steps" summarised a programme al-

ready being implemented,

rather than offering a new vision. Schemes such as the

Technology Schools Initiative and a more limited version of reading recovery have been launched in government Alevels would remain un-changed, while new diplomas would be aimed at giving vocational and academic qual ifications equal status.

Only the Liberal Democrats say state schools' standards are broadly satisfactory. They point to rising pass rates at GCSE and A-level as evidence that schools are adapting to the national curriculum. The Liberal Democrats' dis-

tinctive policy on standards involves the dismantling of tests at seven; 11 and 14. which Labour supports. Mat-thew Taylor, their education spokesman, believes tests label seven-year-olds unfairly and encourage selection by schools at 11. He would rely on teacher assessment until the age of 14, when a system of course units, tested by course work and examinations. would begin. This would form

the basis of education up to 18. replacing GCSE and A-levels with achievement records.

THE Conservatives hope to make parental choice the prime issue. Opting out and the city technology college programme may not have taken off as they hoped, but the party sees the variety they represent as a popular alternative to Labour's all-comprehensive system.

New restrictions on local authority campaigning, and the promise that small primary schools will be allowed to form consortia to opt out, may make only a marginal difference to the numbers of grantmaintained schools. However, the Conservatives believe the 2,000 enquiries from schools considering opting out suggest the policy is more popular than the numbers already in the sector would indicate. The Conservatives' second-

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ary education policy hinges on parental choice. They champion their assisted places scheme for low-income families to send children to independent schools, and leave open the

possibility of more grammar schools where there is demand. Labour and the Liberal Democrats, however, say such variety allows schools to choose their pupils, instead of extending parental choice. Both are committed to abolishing selection at 11 and assisted places. Opted-out schools and city technology colleges would be returned to their local authori-

ties or churches. Mr Straw believes memories of secondary moderns will be stronger than any nostalgia for grammar schools. Labour has softened its line on independent schools, withdrawing any threat to their charitable status, and is promising legal protection to grant-main-tained schools that fear discrimination on their return to local authorities. The party is

also promising public enqui-ries to settle disputes over school reorganisation plans.

FUNDING is the Liberal

Democrats' chief hope for winning votes. The party's £2 billion scheme to revitalise education and training is tied to a rise in income tax. Mr Taylor says the plan has had a good reception during the campaign. "People give us credit for our bonesty in telling them that nothing less will do. and this is what it will mean," he says.

The money for schools would go on an emergency capital programme to tackle a £4 billion backlog in school building and repairs, to reduce maximum class sizes to 35 and later 30, and to provide nursery places for all children aged three and four whose parents want them.

Labour promise an extra £600 million in their first year of office for a similar programme. Mr Straw has been careful to restrict his spending detail the party's priorities until this week. He expects to fund part of Labour's programme from money earmarked for schemes that he intends to scrap, although the Conservatives insist that the benefits will be small because of continuing commitments.

The Conservatives have not entered the public spending auction, relying on their record in office. Their manifesto promises only to "encourage the provision of nursery places" and to reserve extra money to allow popular schools to expand. Mr Clarke has dismissed class size as a "relatively minor issue" because of the steady drop in pupil-teacher ratios during the past decade, and points to this year's increase in teachers' pay and a rising education budget as evidence of a willingness to spend what is necessary.

The flexible route



Technology in the independent sector: these Haileybury sixth-formers prepare for A-levels in the computer age

7 hatever one thinks of a programme for based solely on A-level studies. there is no denying the quality, even the excellence, of the syllabuses and the perfor mance in many individual subjects. A-level candidates' standards are probably not surpassed by 18-year-olds in any other country. As a preparation for many degree courses A-level has been most effective.

That does not mean the qualification must always remain the same. The announcement by the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC) that Alevel courses must have an end-of-course assessment accounting for at least 80 per cent of the marks showed an over-cautious approach.

The SEAC has to be assured of the integrity and reliability of course work before validating this type of assessment. Course work often works well. and in some areas it provides more effective assessment than examinations.

When the state and independent professional associations of heads issued their joint statement with the Standing Conference on University Entrance last month we were concerned not with shaking up A-level but with the need for a coherent system for all in this age group. We called for "principles for a 16-19 curricA-level has been effective so far, but variations are needed to

match varying needs and skills

while remedying deficiencies.
Only 20 per cent are passing in two A-level subjects, and not only is it ill-advised to force more young people down this "high failure" route but questions should also be asked about its suitability for some students getting D and E grades. A range of courses to

Marginal improvements can be made to A-level courses so that they provide a more appropriate bridge between GCSE and higher education or employment and the challenge to the student is increased, but these will hardly increase the participation rate in full-time education.

The government's policy concentrates on vocational courses without creating more flexibility. When AS-level is unpopular or unsuitable, the only alternatives would be Alevel or the vocational route. Some pupils, who are not yet ready for A-levels and may never be, wish to take their studies, in, say, history or physics or literature, beyond preserve the rigour and coher-GCSE, rather than commit ence, a unit-based system can

ulum". We wish to keep excel-lence in existing qualifications themselves to health and care or leisure and tourism courses, which suit those who know

what they want to do but are not for everybody. Many problems could be solved by more flexible unitbased courses, which have been accepted without reservation for vocational qualifica-tions. The General National Vocational Qualifications will be based on 12 units, with match all young people's needs and abilities is required. additional units for developing core skills.

> ome students gain from the step-by-step ap-proach. If after two years of A-level work they have not completed all the units, they should be credited for those they have passed and be allowed to complete the rest later. There is no suggestion that all courses should be unitbased. For those preferring the traditional system appropriate courses should continue but the argument that modular courses must be of a lower standard than courses based solely on end-of-course assessment has to be refuted.

With a determination to

be developed for the needs of a wide range of students aged 16 to 19, much as universities and colleges are doing for older students. Proper recognition must be given for every unit completed.

Equal attention must be given to the proper balance between breadth and depth in student's programme and this is not just a problem for the A-level student. A GNVQ in health and care may provide no broader an education than A-levels in biology and geography. The means to provide greater "horizontal flexibility" is needed.

For some that may be best achieved by something like their present three A-levels plus a complementary subject and general studies, covering core skills, along with good extra-curricular aesthetic and creative experience. For others the answer might be three or four units in up to six subjects. These might be traditional academic subjects or the new vocational qualifications but many may benefit from some vocational courses alongside academic subjects.

Let us concentrate on providing a coherent system of advanced education serving different needs but based on common principles. VIVIAN ANTHONY

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The secretary has become an increasingly powerful part of the

company team. Beryl Dixon introduces a two page report on

the annual show that appreciates her - or his - requirements

he first Secretary Show, held in London in 1987, attracted 6,000 secretaries and attendance doubled at the second, held the next year. Similar events have been held in Birmingham, Glasgow, New York, Paris and Sydney.

This year's London Secretary and Office Management Show opens at the Barbican Centre in the City, tomorrow, and the title reflects the changing role of today's secre-tary. The job of the true personal assistant, or PA, often known as office administrator or facilities manager, encompasses managing information, office administration and overseeing junior staff.

The three-day show is designed to help the secretary to provide an increasingly effective service to her, or his, employer. First, the show acts as an exhibition. There will be more than 120 companies, each with a good appreciation of the influence wielded by and the direct control of spending budgets accorded to sec-

Senior secretaries spend several billion pounds a year buying for their companies. At the show, they will be targeted by office equipment suppliers (including Smith Corona, Olympus, Canon UK. Siemens, Nixdorf. Mer-

cury Paging and Driad Furniture) travel companies, hotel groups and conference venues. The secretary or PA, has a powerful position. Executives rarely

say: "Book me on airline X or arrange accommodation at hotel Y". The PA makes that decision and is therefore courted as an Second, the show will as always.

provide a selection of training opportunities. Blenheim PEL, the organisers, in conjunction with the Industrial Society and the Institute of Qualified and Private Secretaries, have arranged seminars on professional and personal development.

Visitors will be able to choose

Making and Problem solving, Motivation and Delegation; Interpersonal Skills, Handling Difficult Situations at Work: Assertiveness: Building Personal Effectiveness; Stress Management; Self Management; Career Development; Purchasing Techniques; and Communication Skills.

New this year will be workshops on the middle day, covering negoti-ation, the concept of total quality management and BS5750, the system that enables a company to implement it. Claire Finch, event director says. "We see it as a natural extension of our commitment to

ing. Fourth, it is not all work. present a wider range of training opportunities to a sector of the Secretaries, many of whom will have taken a day's holiday to working population that is often attend, are entitled to some perkst There will be freebies, competitions and samples.

If you have not yet bought a the london ticket, is it worth your while? Jean Arnold, a former senior secretary with the World Geneva and currently executive assistant to the chief executive of the Construction

given a low priority for training

particular interest to PAs who find

they are assuming the role of purchasing officer, will be that

given on purchasing skills and principles by Margaret Stitt, man-

ager of Purchasing, Development and Information, with British

"Even in companies with profes-

sional purchasing departments sec-

retaries make an enormous spend

on hotels, conferences, seminars

and accommodation", she says. In many firms, there is no office

equipment buyer. That job has been absorbed by the PA and

added to her other duties.

One seminar which will be of

resources."

Industry Training Board, thinks so. "Secretaries, more than ever, are invaluable members SECRETARY of the management team. They should strive for continuous improvement and up-AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT SHOW dating of their skills and image. I always find the show

stimulating. It provides an ideal opportunity to look at current products and services. In addition the seminars which are low cost but high standard are always

secretary is a competent purchasing

professional. My seminar, while

not attempting to turn delegates

into purchasing managers over-night, will address issues such as

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in favour of buying products with long or short-term life spans, taking

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confidence to negotiate face to

Third, the show will also have demonstrations in less technical

Organisation in

realms — on business fashion. image development and hairstyl-

Joy Scripps, PA with a large City accountancy firm, is a seasoned attender with a strategy for maximum use of the event. "My plan is to get there early, before the majority of people arrive, and look at a company of the publishment when the company of the co at some of the exhibitions; take in two workshops before lunch, two in the afternoon; and use the lunch break and early evening to view the remaining exhibitions." ● The London Secretary Show:

March 24 10am-6pm, March 25 10am-8pm, March 26 10am-5pm. and these members for further information: Page 10 increasingly mobile.



The finalists in the competition for European excellence: Judith Alicia Kozlowska, left; Deborah Bate, Sue Lang, Justine Barry, Alexandra Ainscough and Helen Allan. The winner will walk off with a £4,500 holiday for two people in Bali

Searching for the star of 1992

any new demands are being placed on secretarsingle European market. But are British secretaries being accorded the recognition that their increased responsibilities will bring? Senior secretaries are held in

high regard by the business com-munity in most Continental countries, where secretarial work is a

The senior or executive secretary is seen automatically as a member of the management team," says Valerie Greet, the chairman of the European Association of Professional Secretaries (EAPS). This is particularly so in the Scandinavian countries, where secretaries invariably speak three or four languages and are usually graduates."

EAPS is the international organisation for executive secretaries, defined as those who "have sufficient knowledge of the principal's activities and the field of work to be able to have a considerable amount of work delegated to them, who are able to make decisions, give instructions and may represent the principai on business occasions". It has 1,500 members working in 15 countries at chairman, managing director and chief executive level,

The Times is offering a luxury holiday to the winner of its competition to find the

top European secretary of the year

associate. She is the guardian of ies are taking on new responsibilities as a direct result of increased quality and must have an underinternational competition. Good employers (defined by most PAs as those who fully appreciate their skills and know how to delegate) are already using them more effectively. In com-The written panies where management

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taries have had to become more adaptable, and in the process have found more job satisfaction. Many senior executives are now surrounded by their own small team and include their secretaries in its arrangement. The PA is increasingly important to strategic planning, as the work of the firm

standing of international business and culture, particularly important from this year onwards. Surprisingly, many bosses have still not appreciated 1992's mess-A survey EAPS last sum-

image. She, unlike her often mono-

lingual boss, is frequently the first

point of contact with a foreign

survey were not another language. This issue has been raised, together with the European dimension, in the "1992 Times European Professional Sec-retary of the Year" competition, offering a £4,500 holiday for two in

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with disappoint-ment that many

respondents to the

Bali as first prize. Sponsored by The Times, EAPS and the Industrial Society, entrants were invited (a) to write a 500-word

essay on how the introduction of the single market had affected both the UK and their own company: (b) to imagine that they were about to change places for six months with a secretary in another country, pre-pare a briefing document on Brit-ish culture and practices for her. and prepare a list of differences they expected to find in their new environments; and (c) to write a detailed letter in a foreign language making arrangements for a busi-ness meeting, followed by a social

The competition drew entrants of such high quality that the judges, Valerie Greet, Brenda Hemmings. recruitment manager for News International, Helen Long of Blenheim PEL, organisers of the Show. Yvonne Bennion of the Industrial Society, and John Mole, author of Mind Your Manners: Culture Clash in the European Single Market, had a difficult task selecting the winner.

"The written standard of language and presentation was ex-tremely high," says Rhonda Smith of Blenheim. The shortlisted applicants were invited to London for technical tests and a panel interview. Six finalists have been selected and the name of the winner will be announced at the show tomor-

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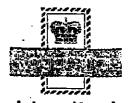






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that a warrant had been or was to

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provide that no evidence obtained

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might be admitted. There was a

logical reason for the narrow

exclusionary provision, namely, that it could not be in the public

espionage or serious crime to discover at a public trial the basis

to the notice of the police, the

customs and excise or the security

questions designed to find out who provided the information

which led to the issue of the

So interpreted, section 9(1)

made sense and it would make no

sense to stretch that language to

sion of all evidence obtained as a .

Further, it was consistent with the underlying policy of the sec-

tion that it would usually be perfectly proper for counsel for the Crown simply to decline to say whether a warrant was or was not

His Lordship added that there

was no basis for excluding the evidence under section 78 of the

result of an interception.

ne a comprehensive exclu-

Illegal interception admissible Arrest made on unlawful ground

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice

[Judgment March 19] Evidence unlawfully obtained by the police as a result of

unauthorised interceptions of telephone conversations was admissible. Section 9 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 did not operate so as to make such evidence inadmissible.

The Court of Appeal so held when it dismissed the appeals of Godwin Eno Effik and Graham Martin Mitchell against their convictions at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Addison and a jury) on April 19. 1990 for multiple offences of conspiracy to supply a controlled drug for which they were sentenced to a total of nine and four years imprisonment respectively. Section 1 of the 1985 Act

provides: "(1) ... a person who intentionally intercepts a communication in the course of its transmission . . . by means of a public telecommunication system shall be guilty of an offence. . .

"(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence ... if — (a) the communication is intercepted in obedience to a warrant issued by the secretary of state. . "
Section 9 provides: "(1) In any

proceedings before any court ... no evidence shall be adduced and no question in cross-examination shall be asked which ... tends to suggest — (a) that an offence under section 1 above had been ... committed by any of the persons mentioned in subsection

"(2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) above are - (a) any person holding office under the

(2) below; or (b) that a warrant has

been ... issued to any of those

Mr John Roberts, QC, for Effik and Mr Thomas Buxton for Mitchell, both assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals Mr Simon A. R. Smith for the

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that one of the classes of evidence on which the prosecution case was: based was the evidence of tele-phone calls listened into and appellants and a third party who The prosecution had informed

the judge that no warrant for an interception had been granted.

The judge rightly held that there had been an interception within the meaning of section within the meaning of section had been undertaken. by persons holding office under

dence before the crown court as to whether the particular cordless telephone had been designated, under section 9(1) of the Telecommunications Act 1984, a public relecommunication system. The present court would therefore assume in the appellants favour, that it was and that an offence under section 1 of the 1985 Act had been committed by the police officers: who, undertook the interception.

The submission that section 9

of the 1985 Act rendered inible any evidence obtained as a result of an interception of a communication, by means, of a

ould be far reaching.

What would mean, for example,

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o. Language to the effect that any evidence obtained as a result of an interception would be madmissible could achieve such a orgoise.
But that was not what section 9

provided it merely provided that no questions might be asked Police and Criminal Evidence Act Solicitors: CPS, Kinston upon Plange v Chief Coustable of South Humberside Police

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice McCowan and Sir David Croom-Johnson [Judgment March 10] Where a police officer arrested a

person on reasonable suspicion that he had committed an arrestable offence and the arrested person could prove that the arresting officer knew, at the time of the arrest, that there was no possibility of a charge being made, then the arrest would be unlawful because the arresting officer had acted on some irrele-vant consideration or for an improper purpose.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plain-tiff. John Nyan Plange, from a decision of Judge Wild sining with a jury at Lincoln County Court, on December 6, 1990. The plaintiff had brought an action for damages for false imprison-ment against the defendant, the Chief Constable of South Humberside Police. The judge had ruled after the conclusion of the evidence and submissions by both counsel that there was no case to go to the jury and dismissed the plaintiff's action.

Mr Patrick O'Connor for the plaintiff: Mr Benjamin Nolan for

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in 1987 the plaintiff assaulted Richard Mann who made a statement to the police alleging that the plaintiff was his ansailant. The complaint was us subsequently withdrawn but the plaintiff was nevertheless arrested by PC Hook, taken to Scanthorpe Police Station and detained for four hours after which he was released without charge.

The only issue at the end of the trial was the legality of the plaintiff's arrest. If it was lawful his claim would fail. If it was unlawful his claim would suc The position at the end of the vidence was that counsel had agreed that if the case were to go

to the jury there should be put to them the following question: "Has the defendant satisfied you on the balance of probabilities (a) that there was a possibility of a prosecution of the plaintiff for the relevant offence at the time of the arrest and (b) that the officer had the same in mind when arresting

the plaintiff." At that stage, it was conceded for the plaintiff (1) that at the time of the arrest PC Hook had reasonable grounds for suspecting (i) that an arrestable offence, namely the assault on Mr Mann. had been committed and (ii) that the plaintiff was guilty of the offence; and (2) that no more than reasonable force was used to effect

The first concession meant that the requirements of section 24(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Acr 1984 were satisfied and thus PC Hook had a discretion to make the arrest.

The second negatived any argument that if the arrest was otherwise lawful, it was unlawful due to the use of excessive force. It was submitted by Mr O'Connor that it was for the defendant to prove two further matters

namely, first that, at the time of of a prosecution being launched against the plaintiff for the assault on Mr Mann and, second, that PC Hook had that possibility in mind when making that arrest. It appeared from the agreed question to have been conceded

by the defendant that those propositions were correct but it was submitted that there was no evidence to go to the jury on either of them. Mr O'Connor challenged first

the judge's ruling that there was no evidence to go to the jury that a possibility of criminal proceedings existed at the time of arrest.

The result of Holgate Mohammed v Duke [1984] AC 437) was, in his Lordship's judgment, that while in a case of false imprisonment it was for the defendant to establish that the condition precedent, namely that there was easonable suspicion that the plaintiff had committed an arrestable offence, had been satisfied, it was then for the plaintiff

to show that on one or other of the

Wednesbury principles of reasonableness (1948) 1 KB 223)

If it were established by the plaintiff that there was no possibility of a charge being made and that the arresting officer knew that, it might well be held to vitiate the apparent lawfulness of

Mr O'Connor submitted that if there was in fact no such possibility, albeit the arresting officer did not know it, the arrest would be unlawful notwithstanding that the condition precedent was satisfied.

His Lordship did not accept that. Section 24(6) was directed in specific words to the state of mind of the arresting officer. If he had necessary reasonable grounds for suspicion but, prior to the arrest being made, an uncommunicated decision was made at headquarters not to charge the suspent in any circumstances, it could not make the arrest itself unlawful

On the special facts of the present case there was, in his Lordship's judgment, sufficient evidence to go to the jury that norwithstanding that the con-dition precedent in section 24(6) was satisfied the arrest was never theless unlawful.

His Lordship would add certain observations. It must be clear that if a complainant withdrew a complaint because his assailant had apologised it did not follow that there would be no charge. It might be that the police would decide not to proceed or that, as in Holgate's case, they took the view sion, there would be insufficient arresting and interviewing the suspect in the hope of obtaining a

Second, it must be emphasised that it would only be in exceptional cases that the condition precedent being satisfied, a Wednesbury challenge could suc-

Mr O'Connor also challenged the judge's ruling that there was no requirement in law for the arresting officer to have in mind the possibility of a charge as part

of the purpose for the arrest. If it was proved by the plaintiff that the arresting officer knew that there was no possibility of a charge, it followed that, save in some special case which could not presently be envisaged, he had acted on some irrelevant consideration or for an improper

It was to be borne in mind that under section 37 of the 1984 Act it was for the custody officer, not the arresting officer, to determine whether there was insufficient evidence to charge an arrested person and that the arresting officer's private opinions as to the likelihood or otherwise of a charge were not relevant. If he satisfied arrested person to the police station he was, save in exceptional circumstances, properly fulfilling

His Lordship would set aside the judgment and order a new trial.

Lord Justice McCowan and Sir David Croom-Johnson agreed.

Recognition of foreign government

Republic of Somalia v Woodhouse Drake and Carey (Suisse) SA and Others

Before Mr Justice Hobbouse

[Judgment March 13] Factors to be taken into account by an English court when deciding whether to recognise the government of a foreign state included, in marginal cases, the extent of international recognition that it had as the legitimate

government of the state. Mr Justice Hobhouse, sitting in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Beach Division, so held in refusing an application by Madame Bihi, Ambassador of the Republic of Somalia to the United Nations organisations in Geneva. to be joined as a representative or other party but allowing the Autorney-general to appoint an

Mr Justice Saville, on February 7, 1992, had made an order that the solicitors for the Republic of Somalia be paid out of funds vaid into court pursuant to an order of Mr Justice Hirst dated March 13,

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showed cause why it should not be

The Republic of Somalia had bought and paid for a cargo of rice which was to be discharged at Mogadishu. When the ship arrived at Mogadishu, the master refused to enter the port because he con dered it unsafe on account of fighting that was going

A dispute had arisen as to what should be done with the cargo. The shipowners had issued an originating summons on March 12, 1991. On that day Mr Justice Hirst ordered, including vari-ations dated March 13, that the cargo be sold and that the net proceeds of the sale be paid into

The bills of lading, which had been in the hands of the Madame Bihi, were placed at the disposal of the court in order to facilitate

malia, the legitimate government had been overthrown and various groups put themselves forward as being entitled to control or govern either parts or the whole of Miss Geraldine Andrews for the plaintiff; Mr Gavin Kealey for Madam Bihi, intervening, Mr Stephen Richards, as amicus

MR JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that whether it was proper that a sum of money the prof of a foreign state should be paid to a firm of solicitors whose au-thority to act on behalf of than state was in question, the court should, with the assistance of an amicus, if necessary, decline to make an order for the payment out of a sum in court to a firm of solicitors without being satisfied of the authority of that firm.

A solicitor was an officer of the court and under the control of the court if the court came to the conclusion for any reason that the solicitor did not have the requisite authority, it should, of its own motion if necessary, require the solicitor to obtain that authority and ensure that the relevant fund remained under the control of the

The factors to be taken into account in deciding whether a More Fisher Brown: Treasury government existed as the governSolicitor.

was the constitutional government of the state; (b) the degree, nature and stability of admin istrative control, if any, that it of iself exercised over the territory of the state: (c) whether her Maj-esty's government had any deal-ings with it and if so what was the in marginal cases, the extent of international recognition that it

court the interim government certainly did not qualify having regard to any of the three im-

had as the government of the

Accordingly the court concluded that the solicitors, Crossman Block, did not at present have the authority of the Republic of Somalia to receive and deal with the property of the republic. The instructions and authority they had received from the interim government were not instructions and authority from

Solicitors: Crossman Block:

Paying costs personally

Regina v Knutsford Crown Court, Ex parte Middleweek Before Lord Justice Watkins and

Uudgment March 161 . Mere negligence by a solicitor was not a ground at common law on which a court could order him to

pay costs personally although there were now additional statutory powers to do so under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, A judge considering making such an order should hear submissions from counsel on his powers and would be well advised to retire to consider whether to make an order at all and what

order to make. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing an order made by Judge Kilfoyle at Knutsford Crown Court on OctoMr Ian McCullough for the applicant; the respondent did not costs upon the basis set out in appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-ANS said that owing to a mistake by his listing clerk, Mr Middleweek's client had not ap-peared and was not represented when his trial was called on at the The judge had not made a

finding that there was serious dereliction of Mr Middleweek's duty to the court. In the circumstances, there was no jurisdiction to make the solicitor personally liable and the judge's order would

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS. greeing, said it was unfortunate that counsel had not drawn the judge's attention to Holden & Co v CPS (No 2) (The Times November 14, 1991). The current pos-ition was that the inherent

But regard must also now be tion of Offences Act 1985, as inserted by section III of the Courts and Legal Services Act on May I, 1991 and was not in made in the instant case.

There was a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal by virtue of the section 50(3) of the Solicitors Act 1974, as amended by sections 147, 152(4) of and Schedule 7 to

When approaching the question whether or not a solicitor should meet costs thrown away. of counsel upon their powers. A retirement to consider such matters and the need to make an

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The days of big rises in secretarial salaries are no more, Beryl Dixon notes. She analyses current rates and spots the best-paid areas

Fighting hard to enjoy the perks

year of tabloid headlines blazing 'Secretaries get company cars', says Richard Grace, the managing director of the Gordon Yates Group, which carries out an annual survey into London secretarial salaries and

Huge increases in secretarial salaries are no more. Compared with the situation two years ago. when salary rises averaged 16.6 per cent and even college leavers could command high salaries, the picture

New secretaries have been the hardest hit. In 1989 they were like old dust: employers were forced into paying good salaries. In recession, companies have been economising mostly at the bottom end of the market. Few are recruiting junior secretaries, preferring instead to share the work-load among existing staff, and those who were taking them on saw no reason to pay inflated salaries.

There have been increases, however. In conducting its latest survey. in contrast to last, secretarial salaries did increase - between 5 and 6 percent - after a year in which they fell behind inflation for the first time in a decade. College leaver salaries, remaining at 1989 rates returned to a more realistic level.

Other salaries rose in varying percentages. Secretaries working at middle management level came out best, with average pay rises of 8 per cent. Average London salary ranges at the start of 1992 are:

Chairman/Chief executive level secretary £18,600-£23,500 Director level

£16,000-£16,600 Management level

However, averages are danger-ous things, and there are also differences according to sector. In general, employers in the arts and media categories pay far lower rates

PAs to publishers do less well than those working for management consultancies or companies' head offices, while those working for charities and public bodies do the least well. However, there is a small number of PAs to chairmen of large (mainly multi-national) corporations, whose salary package

will command £30,000.

Perks or, more properly benefits, can greatly enhance a salary. The most common perks remain the season ticket loans and luncheon vouchers or subsidised meals in staff restaurants, followed by contributory or non-contributory company pension schemes. Free car parking (more usual in the suburbs than in central London) is worth several pounds a week, and a small but significantly increasing number of employers now pays full travel costs. In only the very large, and mainly financial sector companies, are PAs likely to benefit from cheap mortgages or a com-



"A cross between chairman's assistant and tea lady" - Antonia Bryson's description of her job

PUTTING INTEREST BEFORE MONEY

ANTONIA Bryson has the use of a car and what she regards as interesting perks. She considers herself adequately rather than well paid. but has always chosen jobs for interest rather than salary alone. "All my jobs have been unstructured but interesting," she says. "In my present one, I describe myself as a cross between chairman's assistant and tea lady."

Ms Bryson works for a company which, among other things, manages the careers of Gary Kasparov and other Russian chess players. "What are my perks? Well, I have the car, which is necessary because I often seem to be picking up Muscovites from Heathrow, driving them around London and taking them to dinner.

"Following on from that, I get some good meals. I get most of my phone bill paid because I receive a lot of business phone calls at home in the evenings and at weekends. and I get to travel, which is the best perk of all.

"I have been to Moscow, and I spent part of January in Torre-molinos, in Spain, looking after a party of Russian hotel staff and it is not long since I was in Palma, courtesy of a hitch developing in a chess tournament being held there. I went to sort it out and stayed to loaf in the sun for the



Winning PA: Deborah King

Tips for those who want to travel to the top

Many secretaries feel trapped in their jobs. The trick is to convince their bosses that they have the time and potential ability to take on extra responsibility

be a self-out at this week's show is the one to be given on career development for PAs and senior secretaries by Deborah King, holder of Office Secretary magazine's "Secretary of the Year" award and PA to the chief executive of Chemring, a radar company.

This will not surprise anybody working in career development or career counselling. A survey, "Secretaries: still a wasted asset?", released today by the Industrial Society, shows that many of the secretaries who responded to the survey feel trapped in their jobs. Many do not have the boss or job described elsewhere on these pages. Juliet Hepburn, the Society's head of secretarial development, "Organisations are simply failing to capitalise on one of their major assets by not making the most of secretaries' skills."

What steps can be taken by

anybody feeling stuck or trapped? Does it not all depend on the boss's amitude? Not necessarily, thinks Mrs King, a believer in seizing

The stages Mrs King had to pass through on her way to the title make her eminently qualified to give the seminar. "First, I had to be nominated by my boss. Then I had to write in 25 words what I felt were my strengths and weaknesses, and in 30 how I thought my boss would describe them. I was confident of my answer, but the word limit was a real constraint.

"Next I had to solve a problem regarding a typical office crisis: too much happening at once — a reliable junior on site. What would I delegate to her and why?" As a finalist, Mrs King then spent a day in London on skills tests including grammar, interviews and a verbal

rs King has no per-sonal complaints — "I sonal complaints — in have real responsibility - but sympathises with those not in a similar position. "My theme will be self-help and seizing opportuni-ties. I shall look at ways of making oneself more capable of promotion. Obvious advice includes attending courses and seminars, improving technical skills and acquiring new ones, but a good starting point is to

analyse where you are at now.
"What background and previous

experience could be utilised? Do you do anything outside work which can be mentioned on a CV and developed? For example, somebody may not take minutes or do committee work in her job but might run two local clubs or

"You should also be fully aware of what you enjoy doing. You may be very competent at something but not want to spend all day doing it. A job switch might be the answer. Second, I shall look at ways of

utilising secretarial experience as a stepping-stone to other jobs — for instance to move into management, work in personnel, training, teaching, public relations, the meI shall give clues on how to get Not all secretaries want to move.

Many would be happy if their working conditions were to improve. The Industrial Society has long experience of running courses at its London headquarters on topics such as communication. responsibility and delegation. Most have the underlying theme of taking charge of one's own career. which, when linked to a desire to cause change within a particular job often involves the acquisition of

negotiating or assertiveness skills. A seminar by Andy Garnett, the Society's management adviser, on self-management, although billed

assertiveness and how to avoid time waste. "So many little things add up to inefficient use of time," he says. "A prime examples is the cluttered desk. Add to these the lack of an objective plan for the day and being caught in the panic trap and you have a recipe for disaster

Secretaries will say: "But that is not my fault. I cannot change until my manager does." That is where Mr Garnett's assertiveness comes in. Most secretaries would like their boss to delegate more and give them genuine responsibility. They need to prove they can cope with extra work. Prioritising is

important.
Mr Garnett says: "The inability to say 'No' is a real problem. A secretary should have her own diary. It may be kept in parallel with the boss's but it should be dearly filled in. She is then in a position to say, 'Yes. I can ... but this will have to be put back."

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General Meeting of Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association ("the Association") will be held at the Barber Surgeon's Hall, Monkwell Square, London EC2Y 5BL on Wednesday, 15 April 1992 at 12.30pm, for the following purposes:

1. To adopt the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1991. 2. To re-elect Mr Peter Baring, who retires by

rotation, as a Director of the Association. 3. To re-elect Mr Brian Richardson, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association.

To re-elect Mr Colin Edward Hughes, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association. 5. To re-elect Mr John David Neville, who retires by

rotation, as a Director of the Association. 6. To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors of the Association to hold office until the conclusion of

Mrs V G C Steadman Company Secretary 4 March 1992

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Association. A form of proxy may be obtained by writing to the Company Secretary at the

Association's Head Office. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Barber Surgeon's Hall aforesaid at 12.40om, or so soon thereafter as the 151st Annual General Meeting convened, for the same day and place shall have been concluded or adjourned when the following resolution

will be proposed as a special resolution: That the draft Rules and Regulations of the Association, which are submitted to the meeting and a copy of which has been signed by the Chairman for the nurrooses of identification, he and are hereby adopted forthwith in place of the existing Rules and Regulations of the Association.

Mrs V G C Steadman

Company Secretary 4 March 1992 A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Association. A form of proxy may be obtained by writing to the Company Secretary at the Association's Head Office.

Copies of the draft Rules and Regulations and of an explanatory leaflet summarising the proposed changes to the existing Rules and Regulations are available on request from the Company Secretary. Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association Head Office and Registered Address

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Denrith, Cumbria CA11 8QT on
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Business Mochines Limited by a
Recolution of a Meeting of the
company's creditors held on 16th

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditions of the above-named Congsany are required on or before the 8th day of April 1992 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of the 1992 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of the company must send of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if sany), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Anthony Callisgams of Chantrey Veliacott Russell Square, London WC15 Russell Square
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Company and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personality to come in and prove their said Debis or Claims at such time and piace as shall be specified in such notice, or in default incred: Dey will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. (This notice is purely farmal and all known Creditors have been, or will be paid in fulfi.) Dated 18 March 1992 B.R.A. Calleghen. Liquidatoff.

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TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Devid John Masson of March Thornton & Co... Torrington House, 47 Hobywell Hill. St. Alpans, Merfordshire All 1HD was appointed Liquidated or of Sand Straker Studios Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company of the control of the section of the

Straker Studies Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 17th March 1992.

Dated this 17th day of March 1992 David John Mason. Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DESIGN GROUP CRO LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RILES 1996 in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the lasolvency Rules 1996 notice is hereby given theil. March 1996 notice is hereby given theil. March 1992.

Notice is hereby given theil the congress by the creditors on 13 March 1992.

Notice is hereby given theil the creditors of the above named company are required, on or before 24 April 1992 to send their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, and full particulars of their debts whitehold & Co., 26 New Street Square, London. ECAA 33.N., the liquidator of the said company, and if so required in writing from the said liquidators, are personnelly, or by their solitors, as come.

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NOTICE IS HERREBY GIVEN
that Eric William Sneppord
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Square. London ECIM 6CN was
appointed Liquidator of the said
Company's members and creditors on 11th March 1992
Dated this 19th March 1992
L.W. Sheppord, Liquidator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
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MEETING of the CREDITORS of
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David J Mason of Morton Thoritorion & Co. Torrington House, 47th towns and Lill. HD Bank antico.
Contington of Population & Appleby, 4 Charlothomes Square, London ECIM 6EN, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Pace Electrical Distributions Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 9th March 1992.
DATED this 9th day of March 1992
David J Mason and Maurice Dovington
Joint Liquidators
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EC: M 6EN, was appointed Lightdator of the said Company by a
resolution of the company's membard and creditors on 12th March
1992. The owner of the premises in respect of which the application is made is Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association.
Dated the 23rd days of March 1992 Macfarlanes 10 Norwich Street London ECAA 18D. Ret: 571-/623509/JAW. Tel: 071 831 9222. Authorised agent on behalf of the Applicants.

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6.00 Ceefax (27675) 6.30 Breakfast News (57447694) 9.05 Election Call. Viewers and listeners are invited to put their election questions to Green party member Jean Lambert. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (1291491)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (8535101) 10.05 Pleydays (s) (8038526) 10.25 Poddington Peas (r) (8545588) 10.35 Gibbertsh. Fast-moving celebrity word game (9079120) 11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Rosemary Conley. The fitness guru investigates whether restaurateurs care for their customers' health (3628781) 11.30 People Today (9404694)

12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chal hosted by Judi Spiers (s) (2124323)
12.55 Regional News and weather (60756507)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (66491)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (93028007) 1.50 Turnabout. The first of

2.15 Knots Landing (3235033) 3.00 The Odd Couple. Comedy series based on the Neil Simon's hit Broadway play (8575875)
3.25 Bazaar. Domestic tips series (8587410)
3.50 Cryille and Cuddles (6187859) 3.55 Radio Roo. Episode 12 of

the 13-part children's comedy drama (s) (6052830) 4.10 Jackanory. The first of two improvised story telling programmes (s) (5663946) 4.25 Fantastic Max (r) (4483656) 4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties. (Ceefax) (3826502)
5.00 Newsround (6313965) 5.05 Blue Peter. Children's enduring magazine series. (Ceefax) (s) (8266781)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (\$23014). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (859) 5.30 Regional News Magazines (439). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan. Among tonight's guests is American actor Christian Slater (s) (2052)

7.30 Watchdog, Includes Sue Bishop in Amsterdam on the trail of gem swindlers (323)

8.00 Mulberry. Languid comedy from John Esmonde and Bob Larbey starring Karl Howman as an odd-job man working for a cantankerous old spinster (Gereldine McEwan) (Cesfax) (s) (8472)

8.30 Wildlife on One; Pandas Aren't Always Cuddiv. CHOCE: Contrary to the popular image, says Sir David Attenborough's commentary, the glant panda is noisy, can be ferocious and does not only eat bamboo. It may not even be a bear, though no one seems very certain. But having set out to demolish the myths, the film goes on largely to sustain them. In this tootage, gleaned from the lorests of western China, the panda looks every bit as cuddly as the children's toy and docile with it. And while short work will be made of any deer carcass lying conveniently to hand, bamboo is still the key to the panda's survival. The ing rarity of the species is directly related to the destruction of the bamboo forests by an expanding human population. Indeed



Endangered species: the bamboo-eating giant panda (8.30pm) the panda's very tuture is in question, which is why scientists are busily engaged on a programme of captive breeding. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (545643) norama Leaders. David Dimbleby Interviews Paddy Ashdown.

leader of the Social Democrats (834209)

10.30 Cagney and Lacey. New York policewomen drama series starting Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r). (Ceetax) (75946)

11.30 Land of Flowers and Heroes. The story of Europe's largest outdoor festival, held in the Puy du Fou, a ruined château in the purchas France (4) (57055). western France (r) (57255)

12.00 Advice Shop. A comparison of a pensioner's life in this country with a European counterpart (r) (1077786)

12.20am The Hustings (8696415) 12.50 Weather (9312865)

2.00 The Way Ahead. The tenth of 12 programmes explaining April's new benefits for the disabled (6340927). Ends at 2.15

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6.45 Open University: Art - A Little Gothick Castle (8585878), Ends at

8.00 Breakfast News (9222878) 8.15 Northern Arts (9205101)

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8.30 Boating Butler. Tony Butler take a look at life along the banks of the rivers and canals of the Midlands (r) (81149)
9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (74866410) followed by Storytime (r) (56326255)
2.15 Small is Beautiful (753217). Northern Ireland: Our Roving Reporter 2.20-2.45 Henry and the Hendersons 2.45 The Collectors. A butterfly collecting expedition in the Scottish counterside (d) (1483231)

The Collectors. A butterny collecting expedition in the Scottain countryside (f) (1483323)

3.00 News and weather (3182588) followed by Village Praise. Pam Rhodes visits Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6781588) 3.40 Glynn Christian's Serendipity. Glynn Christian visits a Sri Lankan spice garden (r) (4142033) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (4148217)

4.00 The Blantyre Experience. A report on Blantyre House prison in Kent where the Inmates are allowed out to mix, unsupervised, with the local community (r) (s) (192)

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4.30 Grand Prix. Highlights of yesterday's grand prix in Mexico City (r) (86,052) 5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (588)
6.00 The Addems Family (b/w). Vintage comedy series about a ghoulish American household. (Ceefax) (390149)
6.25 DEF II begins with the Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Comedy series

etwise inner city youth sent to live with affluent west coast relations (488878)



In the hot seat: Red Dwarf's Craig Charles, right (6.50pm) 6.50 Open to Question. Craig Charles, star of Red Dwarf, answers questions from a studio audience of young people. Last in the

series (911507)
7.30 Young Musician of the Year Masterclass. Four young percussionists are instructed by James Wood, an expert in the field as well as a composer, conductor and founder director of the New London Chamber Choir (s) (399697) 8.10 Horizon: Time of Darkne

 CHOICE: John Lynch's film opens with shots of holidaymakers at the seaside and a warning about new dangers of skin cancer and cataracts from ultre-violet radiation. He is, of course, talking about the depletion of the ozone layer by CFC pollutants. But that is not the whole story, or even the main one. The thrust of the film, first shown last year and now updated, is the connection between climate and volcanic eruptions. If CFCs are the immediate cause of ozone destruction, then volcanoes are often the trigger. To prove the argument Lynch goes back 3,000 years to the clearance of the Scottish Highlands, visits peat bogs in Ireland and shows how evidence of climate can be deduced from the rings of trees. It is a fascinating detective story, which stays well within the grasp of the scientifically illiterate (r). (Ceefax) (431507)

9.00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience. Series of irreverent comedy

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9.30 The Old Devils. Episode two of Andrew Davies's three-part adaptation of the Kingsley Amis novel about a bunch of drinking pels in Wales. Starring John Stride, James Grout, Ray Smith and Bernard Hepton. (Ceefax) (s) (864033)

10.20 Obsessions. Jill Tweedie is the second of seven British writers who confront their obssessions in a series of impressionistic films. She tells of a bleeding knight, cave dwellers and a house that drives someone to murder. (Ceefax) (s) (757052)

10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (809491)

11.25 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (856694)

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12.00 Open University: Music: Cadences (7928908). Ends at 12.30em

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6.00 TV-am (3190255) 9.25 Lucky Ladders (9728491) 9.55 Thames News (6690878)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... John Stapleton chairs a topical

discussion (6149255)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (4901472)
12.10 Rosie and Jirth. Children's puppet series (9804830)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler.
(Oracle) Weather (7263472) 1.10 Thames News (77653675)
1.20 Home and Away (Oracle) (63226491) 1.50 A Country Practice (9450401) (96459491)

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2.20 Thermes Help (46561507) 2.50 Families. Scap linking Australia with the north of England (6654491)
3.15 News headlines (3192965) 3.20 Tharmes News headlines (31929678) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical drama (8563830)

3.55 Cartoon featuring Speedy Gonzales (6104526) 4.00 Wall of the Banshee. Fantasy drama staming Michael Angelis and Susie Blake. (Oracle) (e) (6181675) 4.25 Chip 'n' Dale — Rescue Rangers. Cartoon (5450439) 4.50 Art Attack presented by Neil Buchanan (5489830)

5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz game for teenagers (8250120) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help. A look at animal welfare (r) (299192)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (255)
6.30 Themes News. (Oracle) (507)
7.00 Magic Comedy Strip. A new series of comedy and music in which Rudy Coby. Jeff Hobson and David Williamson are joined by illusionists the Pendragons (s) (7120)
7.30 Commission Street. (Oracle) (a) (461)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (s) (491) 8.00 Take Your Pick, The "yes-no" game show hosted by Des

O'Connor (s) (3168)

8.30 World in Action: The Lost Vote of Martin Thow. A visit to north London's marginal Hampstead and Highgate constituency to meet some of the country's thousands of people who have sacrificed their vote. They did not pay their poli tax and did not register to vote to avoid being caught. Plue a report from South Africa on the thousands of British residents who are eligible for a postal vote even though some have been abroad for two decades (2575)



Protected by the law: music student Rachel Weisz (9.00pm) 9.00 The Advo

 CHOICE: The film House Calls was pulled from the schedule. last week because its star, Glenda Jackson, is standing in the general election. Luckily there was no similar action over *The Advocates* though its writer, John Cooper, is also a Labour candidate. Labour supporters may have mixed feelings about their man getting to Westminster, if this means less time for penning such watchable thrillers. The initial response to *The Advocates* was how this tale of murder and much else pegged to ar Edinburgh law firm could manage to juggle so many plot lines and not send one or two crashing along the way. It gives nothing away to say that in tonight's concluding episode Cooper manages the trick brilliantly. Short, pithy scenes carrying the main narrative strands are defitly intercut to sustain tension to the last frame (Oracle) (5472)

(Uracle) (3472)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (73120) 10.30 Thames News (830033)

10.40 Film: The Stud (1978) starting Joan Collins and Oliver Tobias. Tawdry, dated tale of sex, discos and gambling in supposedly swinging London, taken from the novel by Jackle Collins. Directed by Quentin Masters (21307507)

12.20 Spectage of Extra Colf highlights from the Portuguese oracle. 12.30 Sportsworld Extra. Golf highlights from the Portuguese oper

1.30 Film: Cairo Road (1950, b/w) starring Eric Portman and Laurence Harvey. Routine police drama, transported to Egypt, where a detactive lays a trap to capture a gang of drug smugglers. Directed by David MacDonald (89705)

3.30 Rasp the Whithwind. Costume drama set in 19th century Cape

Town (s) (54453)4.30 Stage 1. The 4 of Us and Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians is

concert (a) (79786) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (28521). Ends at 6.00

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8.00 Channel 4 Daily (319897)
9.25 Schools (5458597)
12.00 Right to Reply. Claire Rayner detends herself against cnicism for appearing in a sanitary protection advert (r). (Teletext) (s) (70033)
12.30 Business Daily. Susannah Simons with news and analysis from (1)

the world's money markets (99656)

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning senes. The guest is The Cosby Show's Raven Symone (27439)
2.00 Films I Believe In You (1952, b/w) starring Celia Johnson and Cecil Parker. Glum Eating drama about a retired colonial civil servant working with the probation service who becomes involved with a young couple (Joan Collins and Harry Fowler) trying to get back to the straight and narrow. Directed by Basil Dearden

(354633)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialities. A comedy short examining women's

 tactics in pursuing men (5061588)
 4.00 Flowering Passions. Gardening series presented by Anna Pavord. This afternoon she meets Suffolk gardener Peggy Cole and tasks to Londoner Harvey Groffman about his colourful use of annuals (r) (120) 4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game,

presented by Richard Whiteley. He is joined this week by actress Jan Harvey (304) 5.00 The Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show hosted by

Gay Byrne (4033)
5.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (r).

(Teletext) (897)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests include American

comedian Eddie Snil (s) (149)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (170323)
7.50 Voters. Three voters in a north London hairdressers discuss what

they think are important general election issues (361217) 8.00 Brookside. Sosp set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (4410) 8.30 Evening Shade, Folksy comedy set in small-town America starring Burt Reynolds as a former footballing star who returns to coach the local school team. With Marilu Henner (3197)



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11.10 Disabling World: A Different Hand. A musical black cornedy

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News on the hour.

6.00em Surries (8399255) 9.30 The Conterences (31959) 10.00 News, incl Bioction Phone-in (87985) 11.30 Reving Report (55762) 1.30pm Good Morring America (78120) 3.30 Travel Destinations (92169) 4.30 The Reporters (8615) 5.00 Live at Pive (46168) Heponers (8815) 3.00 Live at Pive (40169) 6.30 Newsline (85/7675) 10.30 Newsline (31912) 11.30 ABC News (73014) 12.30am Newsline (14076) 13.0 ABC News (87231) 2.30 Memories 1970-1991 (65434) 3.30 Travel Destinations (97276) 4.30 Financial Travel Susiness Weekly (17960) 5.30 Newsline (71637)

SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satelline. 6.00am Showcase (3703781) 10.00 Two Brothers Running (1988): Tom

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(48946) 12.00 The Lone Star Kld: The true story of an eleven-year-old mayor (41033)

More women are victims of intestacy than divorce.

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sk months to live (96935559)
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10.00 Relentiess (1989): A lormer police-men turne seriel kiler (573675)
11.35 Doraho (1989): Brigitte Nelsen stars as a rock video cirector (248729)
1.30am Vempines in Venice (1989): Kisus Kineld statiss Venice (929573)
4.00 Communion (1989): A writer (Christo-pher Walken) believes that he has encoun-tered stens (105163). Ends at 5.45

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6 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellities.
6.15am Born Yesterday (1950, 5/w): Judy Holiday Igams about etiqueta (167101)
8.15 Johnny Gutter (1955: Two women bettle for land rights (272507)
10.15 Cannon for Cordoba (1870): The adventures of a Medican bandit (252743)
12.15pm The Adventures of Robin Hood (1836, b/w): Errol Plynn stars as the outlaw of Sharwood Ionast (547323)
2.15 The Three Faces of Eve (1957): Joanne Woodward plays e achizophranic (534859)

Joanne Woodward plays a schizophrenic (53489):
4.15 Robotech II: The Sentinets (1989): Science-fiction adventure (446225)
6.15 The Hollywood Detective (1989): A television distective actor tackine a real case. Stanting Telly Saxiass (426491)
8.15 Days of Thunder (1980): Tom Cruise stars as a maverick racing car driver, With Nicole Kdomen (7212781)
10.10 Wined (1989): Blopic about the comedian John Belushi (321149)
12.00 Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (1988): Comedy about a television homor show personality (465599)

Comercy arous a secondary arous personality (46589):

1.40am Cold Feet (1999): Three crooks arruggle damonds (629811)

3.15 They Call Me Mrt Tibbst (1970): Sequel to in the Heat of the Night, Starring Sidney Potter (849434). Ends at 5.05

THE COMEDY CHANNEL 4.00pm Mr Ed (1491) 4.30 Petricost Juncifion (7675) 5.00 The New Leave it to Beaver (4472) 5.30 Greenacres (1255) 6.00 Here's Lucy (8188) 6.30 Small Wonder (2120) 7.00 F Troop (4236) 7.30 The Addisma Family (8304) 8.00 Tis Deeth Us Do Part (1976) 8.30 Wings (2481) 9.00 Hogen's Heroes (41507) 9.30 Here's Lucy (21304)

1.00pm Wanted: The Perfect Guy: A teeneger acts as matchmaker for his mother (S0781)
2.00 Who are the Deboits and Where Did They Get 19 Kids? (1978) (87359)
4.00 Attack on the bron Coast (1988): Second world was thrifter (8937)
6.00 The Trial of the Incredible Hulk (1989): The Hulk teams up with Deracted (190323)
8.00 Joe Versus the Voiceno (1900): Comedy fable starting Tom Hanks who has six months to live (89885859) Cup Cricks: second semi-line (282439) 6.00 Netbusters (2830) 6.30 WWF Wresting (5439) 7.30 World Cup Cricks: second semi-line! (8187481) 11.00 for Hockey (30014) 12.00 WWF Wrestling (58085) EUROSPORT

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Via the Astra satellite.

8,00am Skilng (70878) 9,00 Handbell (94985) 10,00 Moloraport (57781) 11,00 Termis ATP Tour (671491) 2,000m Cycling (90033) 3,00 Athlesics Cross Country World Charaptonship (91598) 4,00 Motor Rasing (3101) 6,00 Eurobra (5829) 6,30 Ternis ATP Tour (89894) 8,30 Eurosport News (9149) 9,00 European (11830) 10,00 Kick-Soding (21217) 11,00 Motor Recing Magazine (37192) 11,30 Eurosport News (18859)

<u>SCREENSPORT</u> SCREENSPORT

• Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics (S223) 7.30 Motorsport (79507) 8.30 Belglan. Motorsport (51033) 9.00 NSA Action 1932 (42365) 9.30 Eurobics (94256) 10.00 Arganina Social (90255) 11.00 1991 Mountain 28te World Cap (40491) 12.00 Pre Kick (94859) 1.00pm Go-Motorsport (93507) 2.00 Eurobics (9052) 2.50 US Pootball (29439) 4.30 Gliestis Sports Special (8897) 5.00 Boythukding (6439) 8.00 US Man's Ski Tour 1997/92 (1472) 6.30 NHL Action (25781) 7.30 Powersports (93658) 8.30 US Pootball (42217) 10.00 Spenish Football (63678) 10.30 Volvo PGA Golf Tour (80762) 11.30 International Descripting (66052)

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• Vis the Astra satellita.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows
(3314529) 10.50 Coffee Breek (5960472)
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(5331748) 11.25 Cyrll Fistcher's Garden
(9474149) 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphed
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(41135453) 12.55 Search for Tomorrow
(4869014) 1.20 Skyways (799694) 2.20 It's
Your Lifestyle (37691946) 2.30 Refleryly
Rules (6609507) 2.25 Country Ways
(9902507) 3.50 Tes Break (2724743 4.00
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American Gameshows (5197676) 5.25 Doc
(6822236) 6.00 Selv-Vision (6849656) 10.00
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Julisbox Dance (65960)

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Sales 12.45 Jatki Brainbles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Affermoon 6.00 Mark Goodes's Eversing Session 9.00 Cut on Blue St. 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only) with Sentre (r) and Ketydida in session

FM Stered. 4.00am Steve Madden 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes: Good Morning UKC 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Glore Humiltord 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Alan Delt with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band En 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Kenny Ball Bandshow (r) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Alex Lester with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Messe.

RADIO 5

Nows and sport on the hour unit 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service: World News; 6.09 News
about Britain, 6.15 Europe New 6.30 Morning
Edition 9.00 Schools: Topic Resources 6.7, 9.15 Sats 11-14; 9.35 Poetry Corner, 9.46 1.ef's
Movel, 10.05 Enrollete' 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10.40 Johnnes Walker with The AM Alternative
12.30pm The Day Before Yesterday; Anne Nightingale looks at the Sudget and at the electric
guitar 1.00 News Updaie 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 30 BRBS Worldwide, Semon and the Squad
2.30 World Service: World Report; 2.45 Personal View; 3.05 Outlook; 3.30 Blue Blood 4.05
Science in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Ballet Shoes: First of a ten-pert adeptation of Neel
Streatfeld's novel. Read by Harmer Walter 7.30 Myndag and the Chaice of Wission: Third of a
four-part serial by Sean Moffart 8.00 Euromix 8.45 Fanshaw on Five 9.30 At the Sign of the
Dog and Rocket, by Jen Merk 10.10 The Mix, incl 11.00 News 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

All Immes in GMT. 4.30am The Week Anead 4.40 Travel and Weakher News 4.45 News and 4.40 Travel and Weakher News 4.45 News and 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europa Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 News 6.00 News 4.00
ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London-except: 2.50pm-3.15 Graham Kerr (8654491) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (570014) 10.40 Relationships (259930) 11.10-12.30 McCloud: The Moscow Con-

BORDER BORIDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Ski Tjos (46561507) 3.25-3.55 Sons and Deughters (856830) 5.10-5.40 Horse and Away (255) 120, 6.00 Lookeround Monday (255) 5.30-7.00 Tales the High Road (507) 10.40 Flanc Lief's Moon (21398559) 12.35 Wresting (7742518) 1.35 Flim: Good Time Girl (700250) 3.15 America's 7op Ten (87221) 3.45 About Britain (86002) 4.15 The Hit Man and Her (7337279) 5.10-6.30 JobSnder (8837927)

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(46570255) 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors
(655491) 3.25-3.55 Families (6569850)
5.10-5.40 Gardening Time (825020) 8.257.00 Central News (570014) 10.40 Central
Choice (515052) 11.40 Dangerous Women
(133255) 12.35 Film: Cubs Crossing
(450162) 2.15 Nile Bites (6323250) 2.30
Entertainment UK (5903) 3.30 Music Box
Special (95502) 4.00 Memphis Soul (74231)
5.00-5.30 Central Jobinder '32 (57724)

GRANADA As London except 1.50pm The Lucy Meacock Show (1480463) 2.50-3.15 Gra-ham Kerr (8654491) 3.25-3.55 Sore and Daughters (9563830) 5.10-6.40 My Scoret Identity (8250120) 6.30-7.00 Grande Toright (607) 10.40 Ch the Knocker (26980) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (698975) 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8690231) 12.35 Wresting (7742818) 1.35 Film: Good Time Girl (700250) 3.15 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST As London except: 1.50 The Young Doctors (8459461) no 2.20-2.50 Gardening Time (46561507) 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice (8559850) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8250120) 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On (892856) 10.40 Extra Time 1125 The Twilight Zone (247472) 11.40-12.30em Almost Grown TYNE TEES

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (8250120) 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00
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7.00 Check it Out (983385) 10.40 Netural Selection (258807) 11.10 Six Tips (378781) 11.35-12.05 Opening Nights YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.00pm-2.50 Metiock (7757656) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8250120) 6.00 Calendar (255) 6.30-7.00 Campaign Calendar (507) 10.40 England's Last Wilderness (83930) 11.10 Prisoner: Call Block H (599675) 12.05 Film: Vital Signs

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(7003) 12.30 Newycldion (5436856) 12.40
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(59101) 1.30 Business Daily (21255) 2.00
Film: I Betieve in You (354633) 3.45 Pete
Smith Specialities (4136472) 3.55 Flowering
Passions (6047945) 4.25 Soir 23 (4902837)
5.00 Star Chamber (5626) 5.30 Brookside
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(881781) 8.55 Y Byd AF Bedwar (585052)
9.30 Cheers (55520) 10.00 Northern Exposure (284681) 10.55 Cutting Edge (816878)
11.55 Jantither Rose (426410) 12.25 Dashing World (3287095) 1.10-1.20 A Is for
Autism (8775163)

RADIO 3

Worting Concert (cont): Dvořák (Stavonic Dance in B flat minor, Op 72 No 5); Janáček (Vlolin Sonata): Suk (Serenade for Strings)

under Oliver Knussen); Knussen (Where the Wild Things Are: Landon Sinfoniette under the composer, with Roseman Hardy, soprano, as Max; i

Haydn (String Quartet in F. Op 77 No 2: Takacs Quartet); Schmidt (Variations on a Hussar's Song: New Philharmonia Orchestra under

1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: i BBC Lunchame Concerc
Howard Shelley, piano; Lundon Winds: Philippa Devies, flute; Gareth Hulse, oboe: Michael Collins, clarinet; Robin O'Nell, bassoon; Richerd Watkins, horn, perform Hindernith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2); Ligeti (Ten Pieces for wind Liget (Ten Pieces for wind quintet): Beethoven (Quintet): Beethoven (Quintet) in E flat for plano and wind. Op 16) 2.06 Third Opinion (r)
2.50 Le Nimfa e il Pastore: St James's Beroque Players under lvor Botton perform Viveld's opera. With Loma Anderson, soprano, as Eurille; Susan Bickley, soprano, as Nice, and Barry Banks, tenor, as Alcindo (r)

4.20 Mendelssohn: (Quartet No 2 In A minor, Op 13: Vermeer

discount — as frich does — the tabloid mythology that he, has the power of a Broadway "butcher". If American readers were mere Pavlovian dogs, "The Phantom of the Opera-would not be a Broadway hit, he says, and George Bush would not still be in the White House."

House 7.30 Britten's War Requiem; BBC Welsh Chorus; London . .

Alien, plane, Charle Haden, by the American trio of Geri Alien, plane, Charlie Haden, basa, and Paul Mollan, drums at the Queen Elizabeth Hell

1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

(a) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
Navs Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45
Business News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports
News 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.48 Party Election
Broadcast 8.58 Weather
9.00 News

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Voters are invited to call Jean
Lambert of the Green party
10.00-10.30sm News; The House
(FM only: Second of a six pert
political drama by Christopher
Lee, With Julian Slover (s)
10.00 Bailty Services (LW only) from
the Perish Church of St.
Andrew and St George in
Edinburgh
10.15 The Bible: Jeramish. Alan
Bates reacts the final episode
10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW
only)

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10.30 Worser's Hour: Jenni Marray tasks to Marilyn French, philosopher and novelist. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 Money Box Live: (771-59)
411, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Counterpoint. Ned Shemin hosts the final heat in the musical quiz (s) 12.55
Weather

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1.00 The World at One (LW only from 1.40) from 1.40; 1.40 Tae Archers (FM only) (r) 2.00-4.00 Campaign Report (LW

2.00 News; The Werich is Dead:
Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse
comes to radio. With John
Shrapnel and Robert Glenister (e) (r)

3.30 Conversation Place: Sue
MacGregor talks to Timothy
Clifford, director of the
National Galleries of Scotland

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope meets Brian Keleidoscope meets Brian Elis, composer of the Royal Bellet's The Judies Tree; looks at artists' sketches at the Morley Gallery; reviews the books Telling Stories and Spells of Enchantment; and saks listeners to match the conductor to the music (s)

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Classic 1960s cornedy with Kenneth Home, Kenneth Witiams, Hugh Paddick, Bettv Marsden, Bill Pertwee and The Fraser Hayes Four (r) 11.30 Election Platform 12.00-12.43em News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053/d+z/285m;1089/d+z/275m;FM-97-6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 195/d+z/1515m;FM-92-4-94.6. Radio 5: 653/d+z/453m; 908/d+z/330m. LBC: 1152/d+z/251m; FM 97-3. Capital: 1548/d+z/194m; FM 95-8. GLR: 1458/d+z/208m; FM 94-9; World Service: MW 848/d+z/453m.

Poshed to the limit: Parachute Regiment hopefuls (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: P Company.

● CHOICE: For the first time the television cameras are allowed to

CHOICE: For the first time the television cameras are allowed to cover the four-week selection course for aspiring members of the Parachute Regiment. It has the reputation of being the toughest course in the British army and nothing in the film contradicts this Amid much bullying, cajoling and bad fanguage, the 39 hopefuls are reduced to physical and psychological jelly as they engage in such pursuits as hill-climbing, log-running, speed merching and scaling high bridges. The main fascination for the armchar spectator, apart from the macabre pleasure of watching other people pushed to the limit, is trying to predict how many of the 39 will stay the course. The wider question concerns the purposes to which such brutally acquired mecho skills might be applied. But that is something for another film (3014)
Northern Exposure. Eccentric American comedy by the makers

18.00 Northern Exposure. Eccentric American comedy by the makers of St Eisewhere about a young New York doctor who is transferred to a remote village in Alaska (286491)

10.55 Disabling World: A is for Autism. An explanation in words,

about parents who are determined to make their daughter who was born without hands "acceptable". (Teletext) (s) (491781)

11.55 Midnight Special. The latest news and views on the general election campaign, presented by Sheena McDonald (454236)

1.55am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (8307502). Ends at 2.25

TSW As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters (9849991) 2.20pm-2.50 Gra-ham Kerr (46691507) 2.50-3.15. The Young Doctors (6954991) 3.23-3.55 Home and Awey (8250120) 6.00 Stx Tonight (255) 6.30-

8.55em Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Two
Gregorian Chents
(Chorakchola of the Vienna
Hofburgkapalle); Bach
(English Suite No 2 in A minor,
BWV 807) 7.30 News
7.36 Member Constitutional (cont)

8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Robin Hollowsy and Oliver Knussen. Hollowsy (Scenes from Schumenn: BBC SO

King, mezzo, as Menne/Tzippy, Female Wild Tring) 9.35 Morning Sequence: Boyce (Symptony No 5 In D: English Concert under Trevor Pranock); Stanford (Serenade, Nonet, in F, Op 95; Capricorn); Mozart (Rondo in A minor, K 511; Mitsuko Uchida, piano);

Hens Bauer) 11.25 BBC SO under Andrew Davis, with Ralph Kirshbaum, callo, performs Stravinsky (Scherzo fantastique); Prokofiev (Sinfonia concertante, Op 125); Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures from an Exhibition)

In A minor, Op 13: Vermeer Cuartes)
4.55 Pierre Cochereeu plays
Vierne (Symphony No 2 in E minor, Op 20) on the organ of Notre-Dame in Peris
5.30 Mainly, for Pleasure, with Brian Kay 7.06 News
7.05 Taird Ear

• CHOICE: The cosy tinkle of tea cups establishes that this discussion between Frank Pich, chief drama critic of the New York Times, and Benedict Nightlinguile of the London Times, is a relaxed meeting of mutually effurned minds. Highly influential minds, too, even if you discount — as Flich does — the tabloid mythology that he

Weish Chous; London
Philharmonic Choir;
Winchester Cathedral Choir;
BBC Weish Symphony
Orchestra under Richard
Hickox, With Faye Robinson,
soprano, Martyn Hill, tenor,
Bryn Terfel, bass-bartone (r)
5.05 Seeing London, by
D.J. Tsylor. Shelley Thompson
narrates the adventures of a
single women.
9.25 Monsteur Rebel's Caprices:
Jeen-Féry Rebel (Tiro-Sonata,
in B minor for violin and bass
viol; Les Caractères de la
Danse: Cambridge Musick
Andrew Manze, violin; Robert
Ehriich, recorder, Mark Levy,
bass-viol, Richard Egerr,
harpschoto)
10.00 Allen-Haden-Motien: A
recording of a concert given

11.36 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Boroon (Terantella; Listea to my Song; Overture, Prince Igor; Symphony No 1)

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RADIO 4

4.45 Short Story: A Gentleman's Agreement, by Eizabeth Jolley. Read by Susan Curnow 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Westborn

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5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took
quizzes team ceptains Richard
ingrams and Alan Coren and
quests (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (FM
only), with Derek Cooper (r)
7.50-8.00 Treasure Istands (FM
only); Libby Purves and
Bernard Astrey look at four of
the newest encyclopedies (r)
7.20 Wernan's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00-3.30 Campaign Report (LW
only)

only) 8.00 The Monday Play: Darling Peidi
CHOICE: A word of warning

O CHOICE: A word of warring if you are easily upper. The last ten minutes or so of Shelagh Stephenson's play are not nice to listen to. If opponents of capital punishment need still more ammunition, here it is. This is an attempt, grimly successful to get us to imagine what the delence counsel at the 1922 Thompson-Bywaters trial asked the jury to imagine — the atmosphere of the life of Mrs Thompson, sentenced, along with her lover Freddy Bywaters, to hang for the

along with her lover Freddy
Bywaters, to hang for the
murder of her husband.
Rachel Joyce makes her radio
acting debut as Edith
Thompson. A new voice and
an exciting new talent (s)

9.30 Kaleldescope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s)

10.05 News; The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Blazing
Paddles — Flotsam, Jetsam
and Me. The first of five
readings by Brian Wilson
chronicing his kayek journey
around the coast of Scotland

11.00 News; Beyond Our Ken:
Classic 1960s comedy with
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